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Elmvale Relay for Life



The Elmvale Relay for Life took place on Friday, May 26th from 6:00pm-6:00am. The participants were fully energized and had a great time watching tons of live performances, listening to riveting speeches, playing bubble soccer, laser tag and much more. The weather was perfect and the positive attitudes of the participants made for an amazing evening.

With over 250 participants, the Fairgrounds was packed with those who wanted to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society while celebrating survivors and those we lost.

The organizers set a goal of \$20 000, which we thought was nearly impossible, but our community stepped up as always. We are proud to announce that not only did we surpass our goal, but it was also almost doubled. The total amount raised was \$39 070.94. Wow!

Since 1999 Relay For Life has united a collective of Canadians, who are a force-for-life in the face of cancer. At Relay For Life events, participants of all ages gather at a community space and take turns walking around a track or path to symbolize the perseverance and action needed to change the future of cancer.

We would like to thank everyone who sponsored a participant and to our tons of local sponsors.

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Elmvale Seniors' Walking Group



Photo above: Elmvale CRA Seniors' Walking Group shown strolling through Heritage Park. Group meets at Heritage park pavilion at 7:30 am each morning during the week. Everyone is welcome.

Heritage Park is full of the bloom of the beautiful purple phlox interspersed with the brilliant yellows of the buttercup. The photo shows morning walkers going through the park. For those that visit the park regularly, the next carpet of bloom will be the Woods Anemone (white bloom like that of a giant strawberry plant). The Dog Tooth Violet blooms and Trilliums are the first flowers to bloom in spring, but waves of other blooms follow throughout the spring, summer and fall.

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There has been a 30+ year movement to try to privatize the shorelines in Tiny Township, Ontario. Access has slowly been restricted to backlot owners who pay taxes in the Township. These beaches have been used by all historically. As they should be, citing the Public Trust Doctrine.

On Monday, our newly elected Council implemented an interim bylaw. It is not a bylaw that takes our beaches back, as the many loopholes used in the past prevent that. It was however, one of the few things our progressive Council was capable of doing to protect our shorelines. This by-law is unique and can only be used once every 3 years.

Below is the letter Mario Galluzzo shared most accurately describing what has been happening over the past 30 plus years. Mario is one of the few shorefront owners who has stood up for this cause.

"For the past 30+ years we have been told by the private beach movement, otherwise known as FOTTSA (Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations), that ownership of the beaches does not affect the access and enjoyment of our beaches.

Over the same period, restrictive actions by FOTTSA-backed Councils (under the guise of protecting our beaches from the "public") were implemented. This definition of "public" however, included all non-shoreline owners.

The Township then started removing garbage cans from the beach accesses and implemented a restrictive parking policy.

Also, prior to 2006, when shoreline residents applied under the Boundaries Act to acquire beaches <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90b10>, they were denied as the beaches were zoned OS (open space public). Then, under the Official Plan 2006, all beaches not municipally owned were rezoned Private. Shortly thereafter, Boundary Act applications were approved. Fences and rock walls began to populate the beaches accompanied by Private Beach signs.

When questioned, Township staff would quote the following statement "any lands not owned by the Township are private".

At every turn the private beach movement slowly and meticulously pushed the narrative of private beaches and relentlessly choked off access so that the community would be restricted to the slivers of sand that were municipally owned, all the while ignoring the historical use of Tiny residents.

The private beach movement has always maintained there were no issues. All the while directing the Township's Councils to continue restricting beach access subsequently directing Township staff to promote private beach claims.

Now after 30 years of divisiveness, we have a Council that will put a stop to the private beach movement and the FOTTSA narrative.

This new Council's actions are a refreshing testament to the protection of our most valuable resource in Tiny, our beaches.

Let's fully support their efforts...

They will question the cost to fix the problems that they caused. We as a community need to point out that the cost to right the wrongs committed by them against our community, is well worth the investment to reunite our Township".

This is an historic event for us here in Tiny Township, but we need more publicity surrounding it.

We still have a long way to go, but it's a great start.
Regards, Tara Jaeger

Springwater Township Council,
I am a resident of Midhurst, at 54 Doran Road.

It is rare that I would reach out to my local elected officials, but in this circumstance I am compelled to do so to express my disapproval for the Township's decision to discontinue use of the Springwater News as a medium of communication with residents about official town notices, news and council matters.

My current edition of the Springwater News has informed me today that Council has instead chosen to spend 4x the cost for direct mailers as its replacement medium of communication, at a potential incremental cost of \$60,000 annually for no incremental gain in frequency of communication and perhaps only marginal benefits in distribution targeting to just Springwater residents.


Having subsequently read the Township's report on communication options tabled at the May 3rd council meeting, and resulting meeting minutes and watched the streamed Council meeting discussion, the direct mail option had no analysis provided to indicate it would be a financially viable or effective communication option or what assumptions or research would underlie such a choice. The only fact included in the report was that direct mail would cost not less than \$0.17 of postage per household reached (excluding costs of paper, printing, layout and internal staff handling). Given the pre-existing reach and frequency of Springwater News as a directly mailed publication, this would represent a massive increase in cost for very little added gain in communication benefit. It would allow the Township to mail out less frequently, but such option was not explored and would represent a reduction in timely communication with residents. A reduction in frequency and budget could similarly be achieved by publishing in the Springwater News less often.

The ad hoc commentary during Council's discussion of the direct mailer option suggests the following per mail out: A cost of \$0.17 postage per mailer and a printing cost of up to \$1295 per 12,000 prints. This makes for a per mail out cost of up to \$3336 per mail out, and potentially more. Savings on print formats were discussed, but no one mentioned that postage alone is more than double the cost of Springwater News at \$850 per print all-in. That is a 4X cost increase merely to gain "complete control over when the Township publishes" and to send it directly to residents rather than being part of a newspaper which reaches substantially all of those same residents.


One councillor did express concern at the potential costs. The Mayor expressed concerns that there were no estimates of costs. One councillor was adamant to proceed without cost estimates. 4 of 7 voted in favour. But there was no thought or discussion of why the Township should spend 4x more money on mailing letters rather than more efficiently publishing in the newspaper. There was no challenge to the Township staff about how such a deficiently researched and prepared report would come to Council as a basis for decision-making on the option Council chose to focus upon. There were many words about whether Springwater News reaches too many people, some of whom may live outside the Township; But not any discussion of why spending 4x the amount of money to reach fewer people is a gainful use of tax dollars for communication purposes. Incrementally better targeting less than 5% of the potential audience at a cost of 4X more is not a winning formula.

As a taxpayer, I am appalled at this decision in this time of inflation and economic hardship for many. My tax dollars do not appear to be used wisely in this regard. One might argue they are being frittered away. The ill-conceived approach here calls into question Council's decision-making on its much, much larger overall budget. Clearly, budgetary restraint is not a focus for Council when it can increase its spending on public notices by 4X without a considered thought as to whether that is a good use of resources.

The Township's use of the Springwater News also has the added benefit of contributing to an important forum for local businesses to advertise and reach local residents as well as one of the last remaining sources of local journalism. I enjoy reading the Springwater News. Myself, my wife and our three children all look through the paper each time it comes to our mailbox. I make a point of patronizing businesses which advertise, from Murray Brothers for small motor parts to Midhurst Pharmacy to Barrie Hill Farms, Steelers Pub and Midhurst Landscape. I found out about several of these businesses from their ads in Springwater News after we moved to Midhurst 6 years ago. Vibrant local journalism is quaint and incredibly important. It is also under siege due to forces beyond the control of the newspaper industry. Cutting it off for a higher cost, no more effective and likely less frequent direct mailer is misguided.



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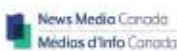

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I would appreciate hearing your clear reasons for supporting this 4X cost increase that hurts an important local business without gaining communication benefits which could be worth 4X the cost. A clear explanation of the decision-making process here, in absence of reliable costing information or considered analysis and research, would also alleviate broader concerns that this example suggests in regard to Council's oversight of the full Township budget.

Cheers,Glen

BTW, I enjoy your paper immensely and think our Councillors are really going down a treacherous path!
Karen Smith

Councillors are public servants that need to be held to account for their opinions and actions. Your newspaper is essential to the community.

Thank you. Paul Thompson

... I should also say that I really like what you are doing with the "News" in getting more content. The appointment of the Dominika as Council reporter is a great addition and exactly the kind of info I appreciate. Keep up the good work!
John Orange

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am a reader of the Springwater News and a resident of Springwater.
I am sad to find out through reading the Springwater News that Council and Township information will no longer be covered in the paper. The reason I am sad is because up to now, that is the only way I would know what is happening in the Township.
Reading the paper is something I take the time to do, because I enjoy reading, and the Springwater News as a local small area paper has a lot of great and fun information.
The Springwater News is the only paper I read anymore. It seems to be the only paper that actually gives a voice to local residents, interesting articles,

and informs of local events. I have since cancelled all other mainstream media papers due to propaganda and pushing narratives.
I also looked forward to seeing what the Mayor had to write in the paper and update the residents on the happenings within Springwater.
The costs associated with a direct mailer seem to be very pricey in comparison. I am surprised that the Township would proceed with this type of decision especially as the costs of everything are going up and up.
I will read a direct mailer from the Township when received, but I am sure so many people will toss it in the recycling. I am not sure it is a wise way to

inform the public.
I wanted to give you my perspective. I know such decisions are not easy ones to make, especially when the funds are taxpayers money.
I hope that Doug Shipley and Doug Downey do not follow suit. I look forward to their updates.
I wonder when election time rolls around if any member of council, the mayor, or deputy mayor will advertise in the Springwater News, or if they will pay the higher fee and do direct mailers. Hmmmm
Thanks for listening!
Tina Leo, Minesing, ON

EDITORIAL by Linda Belcourt, Editor

Spring is in full force and there are many things to look forward to. Events and activities are going on all around Tiny and Springwater. The events page on page 18 is full and that represents the thriving community we live in.
I am always looking for more cultural input from new comers to our area and stories from “The Good Ole Days” as well. I strive to give a variety of information and community connection.
Thank you to my advertisers, that keep this paper in business. Springwater News will thrive long into the future with your support. Springwater News has been in business for 25 years now. There are quite a few advertisers that have been with this paper for the whole 25 years. Springwater News started on June 4, 1998 and I remember the first edition very well, and I know Michael Jacobs does as well. Thank you to all the supporters for the last twenty five years!

Summer Gems: Cruising

By Leslie Gowens
June 5, 2023 - For many folks, late May and early June is the start of boating season. With so many large bodies of water close at hand, Central Ontario is the perfect place for water crafts of all kinds.
Love being on the water but don’t own a craft? No problem. Barrie, Orillia and the Muskoka area are filled with rental opportunities of canoes, kayaks, sailboats and cruisers. With a little bit of research, the perfect day out awaits you and your family.
Those wanting a more guided communal experience on a larger boat will also not be disappointed. Step back in time aboard the RMS Segwun. Operating out of Gravenhurst, this ship is the oldest continually operating Mail steamship in North America. This craft, built in 1887 was used not only to deliver Mail but also, like many other similar boats, to transport vacationers to lodges and cottages back when roads weren’t so plentiful or reliable. Now, from June til October climb aboard to enjoy short sightseeing excursions or lunch and sunset dinner cruises. To honour the important role the ship played in Ontario’s nautical history a stamp was created in 1987 to commemorate the Segwun.



Also located in Gravenhurst, head over to the Muskoka Steamships and Discovery Centre for a fun filled family experience aboard the Wenonah II. On select dates in July and August Pirate Cruises are offered from 9:30 to 11:30 am. With Captain Corbin at the helm, your trip is sure to be memorable.
Looking for a lifestyles of the rich and famous experience, the Lady Muskoka is just the ticket. Docked in Bracebridge, this 300 passenger ship provides access to beautiful landscapes, drinks and dining as well as a very popular Millionaire’s Row Muskoka Tour complete with locally sourced meals by an award winning chef. The huge open upper deck is also a popular draw for those wanting some extra fresh air and sunshine.
Head over to Midland to enjoy the best Georgian Bay has to offer via Georgian Spirit Cruises. Beausoleil Island and Honey Harbour are popular spots on this sightseeing tour. Lunch is available during the day and dinner is offered later on and during the sunset cruises.
Formerly known as the Miss Midland, the Tobermory Legacy is another 300 passenger cruise ship that offers 2 1/2 hour lunch and dinner cruises. Highlights of the tour include the Big Tub Lighthouse, Doctor and Russel Islands, Otter Island Channel, Cove Island Lighthouse and the world renowned Flower Pot Islands. Extend the experience by spending a night exploring the area in and around Tobermory.
With Ontario being such a « water rich » province why not celebrate the season by investigating its many beautiful lakes and waterways. All aboard!!

Ontario Celebrates National Indigenous History Month



June 01, 2023 TORONTO — Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs, released the following statement in recognition of National Indigenous History Month:

“June is National Indigenous History Month, celebrating the rich traditions, heritage and contributions throughout history of First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples across the province and country.
It is important to take part in the many cultural activities planned this month, including on June 21 in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day, to learn about the diverse histories, cultures and experiences of Indigenous peoples who helped shape this province.
Each and every day, we recognize the many contributions and accomplishments of Indigenous peoples. Our government will continue to focus on advancing meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous partners.”
Submitted by Curtis Lindsay

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Details: info-library@springwater.ca

Elmvale BIA
Thursday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Details: info@elmvalebia.ca

Special Council Meeting - Official Plan Adoption
Wednesday, June 21 at 4:00 p.m.
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Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m.
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Committee of Adjustment
Wednesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m.
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Council and Committee of Adjustment meetings are live streamed online at springwater.ca/Live.

Tax Billing

The 2023 final tax rates were approved at the regular council meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

The 2023 final tax bills will be prepared by late June with due dates of:

- **July 19, 2023**
- **September 20, 2023**

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from the payment of taxes or from liability of late payment charges.

CAMP BLITZ!

Saturday, June 24, 2023
1 - 2:30 pm
Elmvale Arena

Enjoy camp-style games and activities and meet the 2023 Township of Springwater Day Camps team!

Not coming to camp? No problem - this event is open to everyone in the community! Come out and have some fun!

Parent Participation is Required



2nd Annual Vendor Market

Saturday, June 10, 2023
Hillsdale Community Park
9 AM - 2 PM

Over 40 Local Artisans, Bakers, Food Trucks, Balloon Animals, Glitter Tattoos, Tarot Reading, Springwater Jr Firefighter Challenge & Springwater Children's Library

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Career Opportunities

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Closes: June 19

For job descriptions and details, visit:
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Saturday, June 17
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Watering Restrictions

Between June 1 and September 15 each year, the following watering restrictions apply to residents on municipal water:

- Residents with odd number civic addresses may use outdoor water on odd number calendar days.
- Residents with even number civic addresses may use outdoor water on even number calendar days.
- Residents may only water lawns and gardens between the hours of 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. on their scheduled day.
- Residents cannot use more than one tap for the purpose of watering a lawn or garden, or for washing their vehicle.

If you would like an exemption for a newly seeded, sodded or sprayed lawn, please email the Roads & Fleet Department at roadsandfleet@springwater.ca

GET ACTIVE

JUNE IS RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH!



For a list of suggested activities, visit: springwater.ca/ParksAndRecreation



June 16 - September 15

The Farmers' Market - Elmvale is back for the season featuring local farmers, producers and makers!

The market is open every Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Elmvale Community Hall parking lot (33 Queen Street West)

Learn more at Springwater.ca/Farmersmarket

Official Plan Adoption Notice

Pursuant to Section 17(17) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended;

Be advised that after the completion of considerable work related to the Official Plan Update, staff are preparing to bring the new Official Plan forward for Council's consideration and adoption at a special meeting taking place on June 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

The new Official Plan will modernize land use planning policies that will guide our community's growth and development for the next twenty-five years. This includes policies related to Growth Management, Infrastructure, Natural Heritage & Hazards and General Land Use Policy.

The draft Official Plan will be shared on the Township's website at www.springwater.ca/opr and circulated to stakeholders, agencies and residents whom made written submission, prior to the matter being introduced to Council for consideration and adoption.

Subject to the adoption of the new Official Plan, final approval from the County of Simcoe is required in order for the document to come into full-force and effect.

For additional information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, visit www.springwater.ca/OPR or contact the Planning Department by email at publicmeetings@springwater.ca; by phone at 705-728-4784 Ext. 2019; or in person at the Township Administration Centre, 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, Ontario.

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RVH's Emergency Department Launches Pilot Project Booking System For Minor Limb Injuries

May 31, 2023 - Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) is pleased to announce a new pilot project booking system for some Emergency Department (ED) visits. Effective Thursday, June 1, the public can now book a same-day or next-day arrival time in the ED to be assessed and treated for minor injuries to a limb.

"As the busiest ED in the region, RVH will begin a new process where patients will be able to book an arrival time for registration for minor injuries such as a sprain, strain, or potential simple fracture to an arm or leg through an online booking portal. This new booking system is a pilot project with the goal to decrease overall wait times for patients by scheduling these arrival times earlier in the day to prevent ED overcrowding at the busiest times," says Sharon Ramagnano, Operations Director Emergency, Critical Care and Trauma.

The program will start with six specific arrival times a day Monday to Friday for triage, registration, provider assessment, and potentially an X-ray for those that may require this as part of their care. Patients will be directed to answer some simple questions online about the events surrounding their injury as well as any potential exclusion criteria such as bleeding, loss of consciousness, head, neck, or back injuries. The pilot project begins June 1, however since next day appointments are available the public can begin to book today, May 31

"The project will be continually evaluated to eventually expand and include other minor ailments such as simple cuts or lacerations, as well as cold and flu symptoms. Patients will also be asked if they would like to consent to having an anonymous survey sent to them to gather patient feedback on the new process to continue to improve," says Ramagnano. "The idea is to expand the number of assessments spots and grow the project."

The booking link can be found on the RVH website (www.rvh.on.ca) under Emergency Department.

Submitted by Donna Danyluk, Manager Corporate Communications, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH)

RVH Launches New Visitor and Essential Care Partners Policy

June 1, 2023 - Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) is pleased to announce the launch of its new Visitor and Essential Care Partner Presence Policy. Effective Thursday, June 1, visitors are welcome any time between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. with some exceptions. Essential Care Partners (ECP) are welcome 24 hours a day.

"RVH recognizes the important role Essential Care Partners and visitors play in promoting a supportive patient centered journey. Patient and TEAM RVH safety remains our top priority, however, with declining cases of COVID-19, we know it is the right time to introduce these welcome changes which will enhance the overall patient experience," Rachel Kean, Vice President, Quality, Risk and Patient Experience & Chief Privacy Officer.

An ECP is someone appointed by a patient or Substitute Decision Maker and can include family members, close friends, or other caregivers to provide support and function as a member of the care team. ECPs can attend the hospital more frequently and consistently and are not limited by regular visiting hours. Further details about the program and how to become an ECP can be found on RVH's website.

For visitors, exceptions include the Child and Youth Mental Health unit where visiting hours are seven days a week from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. and the Adult Mental Health unit, where they are Monday to Fridays from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Exceptions may apply to other specialty care areas, please speak with the patient's care team first.

Children (less than 18 years) supervised by an adult, who is not the patient, are welcome. Children and the responsible adult must remain together at all times.

As a reminder, masking is optional in most public areas within RVH. Masking remains mandatory upon entering in-patients rooms; areas where patients are immunocompromised (e.g., cancer centre and dialysis); where there is risk to in-patients; and in areas, such as the Emergency Department.

Fire Ban Implemented in Springwater Township

Springwater Township / June 6, 2023 – Due to the recent hot and dry weather and the extended forecast of dry conditions for the coming days, a fire ban has been implemented in Springwater Township.

Effective Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 9:30 am, all outdoor burning is prohibited and all fire permits are void until the ban is lifted. Please note that this ban includes the use of fireworks in the Township.

Residents will be notified via social media and the Township website when the ban has been lifted. The current fire danger rating can be viewed online at www.springwater.ca/fire

Anybody caught in contravention of the Fire Ban will be fined a minimum of \$700, as outlined in By-law 2019-068, schedule C.

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Wheel-y Successful First Annual Town of Midland Public Works Palooza

(May 31, 2023, Midland ON) The Town of Midland hosted an overwhelmingly successful and first-ever Public Works Palooza in celebration of National Public Works Week on Saturday May 27th, 2023, where community members from all around North Simcoe received a close-up look at what goes on in the world of public works.

The event showcased the hard work and achievements of the Town's dedicated Operations department, the unsung heroes who provide vital road and maintenance services to keep our community safe and prosperous. Town Operations were joined by other Town departments, as well as the Severn Sound Environmental Association and vital emergency services including Midland Fire, Ontario Provincial Police, and Simcoe County Paramedic Services. Town and emergency services staff gave equipment demonstrations, handed out treats and prizes and interacted with kids at heart and of all ages in a fun and engaging way. The Kool FM Street Team was also on hand and provided an entertaining musical backdrop to add to the atmosphere.

"This event truly embodies the spirit of our community and the tireless efforts and dedication of our staff," said Director of Operations Dylan

Flannery. "The Palooza was a great way for staff to interact with the community and provide avenues for education and support. We are grateful to all who attended. It was heartwarming to witness the positive energy and enthusiasm of staff and visitors throughout the day."

The Public Works Palooza also served as a platform for promoting environmental sustainability and connecting residents to information on road maintenance, water and wastewater services as well as other infrastructure services. Attendees also had the chance to meet and interact with the skilled professionals responsible for operating and maintaining these vehicles, fostering a greater understanding and appreciation for their work.

The Town of Midland plans to build on the momentum of their first Public Works Palooza this year by making it an eagerly anticipated annual tradition for the community. The inaugural event's resounding success exemplifies the unity and appreciation that exists between Town staff and the residents that receive the services provided.

*by Brittany Carlisle, Communications Coordinator
Town of Midland*

Summer Wildlife Attractant Checklist



Two raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) look out from the safety of a tree. Photo by Jorge Figueiredo / Getty Images

May 29, 2023 - April showers led to May flowers, and summer is just days ahead. It's a time of adventure and outdoor fun for Canadians – and a time of adventure and outdoor fun for wildlife, too. Fortunately, reducing negative encounters around the home is as easy as following this wildlife attractant checklist!

Attractants are anything that may draw the attention of animals or encourage them to visit/return to a specific place. In numerous negative encounters, unmanaged attractants or feeding of wildlife are direct causes.

- 1. Outdoor pet food.** Leaving a bowl of kibble in the patio, or the detritus from a Labrador retriever attacking their bowl on the lawn, will attract species of all kinds from small rodents like mice and rats up to coyotes or black bears. Ensure any outdoor pet food is cleaned up properly.
- 2. Barbecues, grills, and fire pits.** Marshmallows are a delicious treat, but when left next to a firepit, quickly becomes a siren for all nearby wildlife. Likewise, the grease trap under a barbecue, and the scraps on barbecue or standalone grills can be attractants for numerous species.
- 3. Ripened fruits and vegetables.** It's early in the season, but numerous species of plants like mulberries are already forming their aggregate fruits that will ripen and drop beginning in June. Picking ripe fruits and cleaning up fallen fruits can help prevent wildlife from hanging out and returning.
- 4. Bird feeders and feed stations.** Providing feed to birds is a long-time hobby for many people. As all birders know, it's not easy to keep squirrels away from feeders. Likewise, the high-calorie, high-protein, high-fat seed is a beacon for black bears and other wildlife, including rodents. If you live in bear country, bird feeders should be removed outside of the winter season. Clean up fallen seed and consider planting native shrubs and trees to provide natural habitat, safety, and food sources for birds and other wildlife.

5. Check for access points. Many species (but in urban areas raccoons and squirrels particularly) will create multiple dens and caches for themselves. Spend time during seasonal changes to check your home or business for points through which animals may access attics, crawl spaces, and walls. Look specifically for gaps in structures like walls and roofs, seals around utility lines, and open spaces under decks or sheds.

If you need assistance removing wildlife from your home or business, please contact a humane wildlife removal operator (consider checking the AnimalKind.ca list if you're in British Columbia), and do not attempt any home repairs unless you have appropriate safety equipment.

by Leslie Fax, thefurbearers.com

New 50/50 Lottery to Support Local Hospital



Photo above: On June 5, 2023 the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation officially launched its first-ever monthly lottery, called the GBGH 50/50, to support the hospital's most urgent priorities. GBGH Foundation team members Robyn Kaczanowski, Jenn Harris, and Nicole Kraftscik show off the blank winner's cheque in anticipation of adding the first winner's name and jackpot amount later this month.

Monday, June 5, 2023 Midland, ON – On June 5, 2023 the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation officially launched its first-ever monthly lottery, called the GBGH 50/50, to support the hospital's most urgent priorities.

This year, GBGH has identified more than \$2.4-million in capital equipment investments, upgrades and replacements that are required, plus \$4-million for the MRI, all of which will be funded through the GBGH Foundation.

"Our hospital is aging, and the team has been doing an amazing job to provide excellent care despite aging equipment and technology," shares Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation. "When we fund new equipment, we see the difference it makes for the team and the patients. This year's investment will impact almost every department of the hospital, and includes items like exam lights, stretchers, ultrasound

& x-ray machines, surgical tables, and the MRI."

The GBGH 50/50 will provide a sustainable income stream to invest in these important capital projects, while giving individuals in the community a chance to win.

"The lottery tagline is Win Big. Save Lives and it's a great way for our community to come together," says Kraftscik. "We have been receiving requests for this for many months now, from community members who want to support their local hospital, and have the chance to win a cash jackpot."

The first grand prize draw will take place on June 29, with early bird draws of \$500 and \$1,000 on June 15 and 21 respectively. Tickets can be purchased at www.GBGH5050.ca.

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Heads up for Healthier Brains
The Alzheimer’s Society will be offering another free program to anyone interested in learning how to keep their brain healthier and reducing the risk of Dementia. Healthier brains include information on Dementia vs normal aging. This program will be held on Wednesdays, from June 7-28 from 1:00-3:00pm. Do not need a library card to register. Refreshments will be served. Contact the library to register in advance.

PPL at the Butterscotch Festival
This year PPL will have a booth at the Butterscotch Festival! Drop by our booth and purchase a t-shirt or hat from us to support the library. You might be the lucky winner in our Butterscotch Draw!

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Learn about herbs and how beneficial they can be to your health! They also can enhance your garden! This month we learn about 2 different herbs, Basil and Parsley. Join us on Monday June 19th, from 1:30-2:30pm. Register with your library card. Cost: \$2.00

Storytime with Connie
Enjoy a story, song and craft with your little one! Register with your library card. The next story time will be held on Thursday, June 22 at 10:00.

Father’s Day Craft
Come to the library on Saturday June 17th and participate in a Father’s Day Craft at 10:00 am.

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Coming soon!
Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic at the library on June 27th from 9:30 – 3:30. Need a booster? Drop in with your Health Card and the Health Unit will be happy to assist you.

One World Music Festival

Brookside Music Association is thrilled to announce the inaugural One World Music Festival, a captivating celebration of music, culture, and unity. Set to take place on Friday, August 11, 2023, and Saturday, August 12, 2023, this extraordinary event will captivate audiences at the MCC and in front of the Huronia Museum in Midland. The festival promises an immersive experience, featuring international performers, interactive video collaborations, culinary delights, artisan booths, and a delightful children's garden.

The One World Music Festival kicks off on Friday, August 11, at the MCC, with a mesmerizing performance by the renowned Sultans of String. The group will showcase their remarkable musical talent and engage in a ground-breaking video interaction with performers from around the world as part of their captivating Refuge Project. This innovative approach will create an awe-inspiring fusion of sounds, cultures, and artistic expression.

The excitement continues on Saturday, August 12, as the festival moves to the green space beside the Huronia Museum. From noon until 11:00 pm, audiences will be treated to a remarkable lineup of diverse performing groups, each representing a different corner of the world. The festival's remarkable roster includes The Sultans of String, Pan Fantasy Steel Band, Neema Children's Choir, Okavango African Orchestra, Ariko, Tamar Ilana & Ventanas, Christopher Hale, and The Huronia Hot Strings. These world-class musicians will transport attendees on a global musical journey, showcasing a rich tapestry of cultures and genres from around the world.

In addition to the captivating performances, the One World Music Festival will include ethnic food vendors, providing a taste of global flavors. Attendees can also explore a wide range of artisan booths featuring unique crafts and creations. Families are warmly welcomed at the festival, with a

Joint Bank Accounts – Do They Avoid Probate?

Estate planning is becoming very sophisticated in Ontario. It is common to hear the suggestion to add a family member to a senior parent’s bank account and make the bank account Joint With Rights of Survivorship. According to banking institutions that offer these services, it’s a sure-fire way to avoid the Estate Administration Tax, commonly known as probate.

Except it isn’t.

I have a story about following a banker’s advice.

The elderly father sold his primary residence and cottage property and moved into a care facility. In his Will, he named his 3 adult children to be his estate beneficiaries. One child lived close and assisted with managing the elderly father’s expenses.

As a result of that responsibility, the adult child and elderly father were “joint with rights of survivorship” on the primary chequing account, and on the savings accounts. The savings accounts held the proceeds of the real estate transactions, amounting to over \$1million.

The banker assured everyone that due to the “joint with rights of survivorship” designation, the assets would bypass the Estate Administration Tax.

After the father passed away, the beneficiaries were shocked to find that the assets were placed into probate and could not be released, contrary to what they were led to believe. Nearly a year later, the executor issued a cheque for the Estate Administration Tax, the clearance certificate was produced by the Ministry, and the beneficiaries finally received their inheritances.

The Will named the three children and only one of the children was on the joint bank account. Subsequently, the \$1million in the bank, regardless of the “joint with rights of survivorship”, was pulled into the sphere of the Will instruction and distributed accordingly.

As an estate planner and Certified Financial Planner, I know that there was a better and simpler way to have handled this entire situation. The Estate Administration Tax could have been avoided and the assets could have been in the hands of the beneficiaries within weeks of the elderly father’s passing.

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One World Music Festival continued

dedicated children's garden providing an enchanting space for young ones to engage in fun activities.

Brookside Music Association, a recognized leader in promoting cultural diversity and artistic excellence, is proud to present the One World Music Festival. This extraordinary event showcases the transformative power of music and fosters connections between people of different backgrounds, creating a harmonious celebration of unity and understanding.

Tickets for the One World Music Festival will go on sale on June 5, 2023 and can be purchased online at www.brooksidemusic.com or at the Midland Cultural Centre box office.

For more information, please visit www.brooksidemusic.com or follow us on Facebook. Join us at the One World Music Festival and experience the extraordinary sounds and vibrant cultures that unite us all.

About Brookside Music Association: Brookside Music Association is registered charity dedicated to promoting and celebrating musical diversity in Midland.

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13 Nucleic acid
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15 “Cunning hunter” of Genesis
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17 Spicy dance
19 Maui souvenir
21 Build up
24 Look like a wolf
27 Not highest grade
30 “Leading With My ___” (Jay Leno book)
31 Marathon
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35 Long, long time (var.)
36 Geriatric
38 Staircase center
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47 Walking bird
48 Even one
49 Natural emollient
50 Behavioral quirk
51 Grand Coulee e.g.
52 Milne’s “When We ___ Very Young”
53 Piggery

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1 Sorrowful interjection
2 Test release
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4 Nautical response
5 “Help!”
6 Coin of Burma
7 Spirit
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ANNIE’S JOURNAL

by Annie Warner Donnelly



Once my paperwork is finalized, I’ll be travelling to Mugeta, a rural village in Northern Tanzania, to teach in the Mugeta Children’s School. By many standards, it’s considered to be a poor village, but what makes it rich is love that never fails.

Primary school in Tanzania ends at grade 7. The first time Joash Gambarage wore shoes, he had to borrow them to attend his grade 7 graduation. In 2010, Joash, a PhD candidate at the University of British Columbia at the time, told his family in Mugeta that he wanted to give back to the village by starting a primary school. His father, who owed 15 acres, told his son to build his school on that land.



Today, the school has approximately 300 students. An 80-bed dormitory ensures that students no longer walk up to five km to and from school daily. Academically, government testing ranks it as one of the top schools in its district.

Having received his Doctorate in Linguistics, Joash, who is now a lecturer at the University of British Columbia, travels to Mugeta with his wife, Neema, and his sons, Jones, and Eli, every summer to add to the school and visit his family there. The children of Mugeta follow him everywhere because they recognize love when they see it.

The people in the village support the school to the best of their abilities. Promoting equity in education, the school mobilizes educational, linguistic, health and recreational resources for the benefit of all the children in the area regardless of their gender, religion, or economic background. It advocates for the wellbeing of the community by empowering girls and women.

How does one develop the kind of love that starts a school with a bare piece of land and \$300? That convinces a utility company to waive certain fees so that the school can have electricity from the main road about two km away? That convinces a drilling company to dig not one, but two wells in a remote part of Tanzania - one well for the village and one for the school? How do we develop the kind of love that perseveres, against the odds, in the centre of God’s will? How do we develop the kind of love that Dr. Joash Gambarage demonstrates daily to those around him, a man who, after all these years, still calls his wife “darling”?

He’s a humble man who’s risen from humble beginnings. What sustains him? Whatever woundedness he experienced, there is evidence that he exchanged it for love that never fails – the love of his risen Saviour!

It’s clear that he relies on these seven words: God loves us, and we love Him. How might our lives change if we rely on these seven words? How are our lives changing as we rely on them? Who can we tell about the comforting, constant and consistent love of God, the love that never fails? Amen

Rose’s Devotions by Rosy Hagedorn

Not Worthy?



Writing devotionals from real-life situations and how they pertain to biblical Scripture in order to inspire and help us to gain a deeper understanding of God's love for us

has been a passion of mine for a few years now. It hasn't always been like that.

I immigrated to Canada in 1957 from West Germany with my parents and brother. I was nine years old. We moved quite a few times during my life, and I guess that deep down inside, I regretted it, as I always had to make new friends, which was very hard at that time. When the kids found out that I had come from Germany, I became their target of literal insults. There came a time when I didn't want to tell anyone of my German heritage in order to avoid being bullied. As time went on, I became a victim of my surroundings, and I lashed out the only way I knew how. I was a troubled youth and hung around with the wrong crowd. I also rebelled by being a disturbance in class and not wanting to learn. I did not like geography or history or any other subjects that were taught. I never read any books that were assigned. I hated school. The telltale sign came when I looked at my report card. Back in those days, if you got a "D", "E" or "F", your parents' signature had to be on the report card. My parents never saw the report cards, because I forged their signatures. But I was found out at the end and got punished. And then one day, I met my husband-to-be. He was in grade 12 and I was in grade 9 — high school sweethearts, as they say. Things started to change then. We both attended the youth group in our church, and after some time, we got married. It was during that time that God was starting to tug at my heart, and I surrendered my life to the Lord.

It was when I went on a retreat and wrote a non-rhyming poem that the teacher suggested that I try and write a devotional and to date, I have written over one hundred devotionals that I share with you, the readers.

As I am writing this, I reflect on what has happened over the years and wonder why God chose someone like me to share His love with others.

Ephesians 3:7-12 – I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. (NIV)

For some strange and unknown reason, God chose us, together, to spread His message of love to a world so desperately in need of reconciliation, forgiveness, and love. We are worthy in His sight.

Prayer: Loving God, even before we were formed in the womb, You knew how we would turn out. You see the hearts of individuals; we see only the outside. You see us as worthy, where sometimes, we see ourselves as failures. Thank You for loving us so much and for considering us worthy of Your calling. Amen.

Ask a Therapist by Sarah Covey

On Emotional Rest

Q: I feel like I am hiding. I seem to be living to please others and my own voice gets lost in the process. I feel emotionally burned out - can you help?

A: Despite the stereotype, therapists want to know how their clients FEEL about things for good reason! All of life is connected to emotion and yet few of us understand how to name and process our feelings in healthy ways. We find ourselves navigating the world around us with a view to make it work for other people without also thinking about the emotional impact that people-pleasing behaviour has on our wellbeing.

Emotional fatigue can emerge when we are not attuned to our own emotional landscape in a way that allows us to honour and prioritize our own needs above the needs of others. When our feelings are repressed and/or we are not able to honestly express our own experiences we can burn ourselves out carrying that emotional load.

Sometimes we have not been good at maintaining boundaries around the expectations of others in light of our own preferences. Other times we may have suppressed our own perspectives and concerns to avoid burdening others or to avoid their criticism. If you are a caregiver of any kind, you might experience this type of emotional exhaustion more readily than others because so much energy is directed to care for others that there is not enough left for yourself.

In order to restore some emotional capacity and release emotional burden, it is important to find safe places to share vulnerably and transparently about what you are feeling. We need to express our pain and our stories in an authentic way and to be listened to and validated without judgment. We all know the comfort that comes after a sincere venting session or an encouraging conversation with a friend who understands how we are feeling.

This need for uncensored self-expression is a common impetus for people to reach out and seek therapeutic support because a counsellor can facilitate that process of unburdening in a meaningful way. Sometimes it can be hard to open up and honestly say how you feel to the people around you in your regular life because it feels so raw and exposing. A therapist can provide support that might feel less intimidating and also help you to find strategies to continue to prioritize your emotional needs.

If you are feeling emotionally exhausted, don’t continue to isolate yourself. Take some time to find the people in your life who will hold space for you to share authentically and who will help you give a voice to your feelings. Restorative emotional work is a vital component of every comprehensive self care plan.

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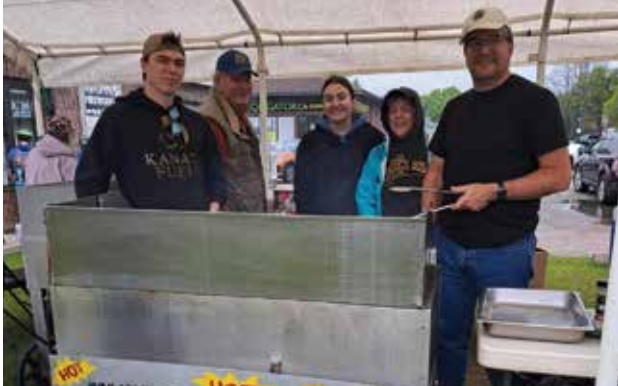
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Portarama Family Festival



Portarama Family Festival is a Victoria Day Celebration created in 1985 to Celebrate the town of Port McNicoll and is still a huge hit today! We encourage you to come out and take part and have fun!

Portarama is organized by a dedicated group of community volunteers whose aims and objectives are:

- * To provide the community with an annual family-

oriented celebration on the Victoria Day weekend in the month of May.

- * To improve upon the lifestyle within the community by providing a family-oriented events and programs.
- * To help various community projects for the betterment of the community and people through donations of involvement through volunteerism and or cash donations.



Big shout out to all the organizers & volunteers of the Port McNicholl Portarama Festival. We had a great time and I absolutely adored the entertainment. Especially the band : Misery Parade! Such great local talent!! Submitted by Trish O’Sullivan, Minesing

HILLSDALE HAYMAKERS HAVE HIT THE FIELD!



Team of the week: U9
Roster: Lane, Van, Tyler, Elizabeth, Barrett, William, Sadie, Charlie, Gemma, Garrett, Stella, Ryker, Kingston, Albert, Zoey & Emerson.

2nd team of the week: U21
Roster: Jake, Bradford, Brayson, Isaac, Benjamin, Cole, Nolan, Jake, Jaxon, Cameron, Nikolas, Nathan & Beckham.

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Scores from previous week -
U9 Win over Victoria Harbour 16-7
U11 Win over Coldwater 16-0
U13 Loss to Victoria Harbour 10-7
U15#1 Loss to Wyevale 12-2
U21 Loss to Uththoff 10-0

U21 Loss to Uththoff 4-1

Upcoming games:
June 11th @ 10:00 am- U15-2 vs. Port McNicoll @ Talbot Park
June 12th @ 6:45 pm - U9 vs. Victoria Harbour @ Elmvale HCES
June 13th @ 6:45 pm - U11 vs. Victoria Harbour @ Elmvale HCES
June 13th @ 8:30 pm- U21 vs. Vasey @ Elmvale arena
June 14th @ 6:45 pm - U13 vs. Minesing @ Tree Nursery
June 15th @ 6:30pm - U15-1 vs. Lafontaine @ Lafontaine CC

Submitted by: Taylor Kelly

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During an unprecedented cost-of-living crisis, Canadians are struggling to feed their families, pay their bills, and fill their tanks. I've heard from countless residents in our community who are unable to afford the increases to their gas and home heating bills caused the Liberal government's carbon tax.

To make matters worse, the Liberals are bringing in a second hidden carbon tax to further hike the price of gas, heat and groceries. According to the Parliamentary Budget Officer this second carbon tax will cost the average Canadian household an extra \$573 per year without any rebate, with families in some provinces facing costs as high as \$1157.

The combined impact of the two carbon taxes will be an extra 61 cents for every litre of gasoline. The first Trudeau carbon tax will cost 37 cents per litre, the second carbon tax 17 cents per litre and with the sales tax on the carbon taxes, it will all add up to 61 cents per litre.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer also noted that this second carbon tax disproportionately affects lower-income families and will shrink our economy.

This second carbon tax is a price that is simply too high for struggling Canadian families to pay. Conservatives will axe these taxes and bring home affordability for Canadians. A Conservative government will protect our environment through technology, not taxes.

You can read the Parliamentary Budget Officer’s full report here.

As we approach the end of the Parliamentary session and start of the summer break, I look forward to attending many events in the community, starting with Canada Day. If you are planning a Canada Day event that you would like to see members of our community attend, please reach out to my office and I will include the details in my upcoming newsletter!

As always, my constituency office is available to assist you with any matters related to the federal government. Please contact my office for assistance.

Sincerely,
Doug Shipley, MP
Barrie – Springwater – Oro-Medonte

Ants - Did you know?

For the queen in any colony, their life may span up to around 15 years, while the worker ants live for roughly 7 years. This is, of course, if they can avoid predators and other dangers. For a reproductive male – one of the flying ant types – the lifespan is much shorter at around only 2 weeks.

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HEY DADS!

June 4, 2023 - What do you do when the power goes out? We’ve been living in the Dominican Republic for three months and the power goes out here about once a week. I found that I passed through three stages of coping without electricity - excitement, annoyance and acceptance.

The first few times it happened it was fun and exciting. If it was during the day we noticed all the fans stopped spinning. If it was at night all the lights went out. If we were online all of a sudden we were offline. One of the kids might shout, “The power is out!” And the other doubtful and suspicious kids would attempt to test the hypothesis by flicking light switches on and off. After three attempts they might agree, “Yep. It’s out.”

A few times we wondered if it was just us or was the whole neighbourhood down? Looking out the window we could see lights on in sporadic intervals up the hill. I stopped moving to listen quietly to the hum of generators down the street. The lucky neighbours had generators. Which meant they had light and potentially...air conditioning. Not all the houses here have air conditioning. Our place has small units in the three bedrooms but none in the living areas. My neighbour George has two. Unfortunately, someone took the motor out of one and the parts out of the other. Power or no power, Senor George has no air conditioning. With parts not easily available here he’s got to wait a few weeks to remedy the situation.

After the power had been out a few times it began to get annoying. Stage number two. If it’s a smoking hot night without A/C that is annoying. If your kids were just watching a movie that is annoying. If you’re about to join a Zoom meeting online that is annoying.



Flashlights help somewhat in the event of a power outage. If you can find them. I may be abnormal but I keep a headlamp flashlight in my closet so that if the power goes out I know exactly where to get light. My four-year-old son keeps his flashlight... well he doesn’t exactly keep it anywhere. He plays with it, puts it in his back pocket, backpack or the backyard. When the power finally went back on last night he discovered his flashlight in the backyard where he had hidden it somewhere to keep it away from thieving sisters, naturally. Not all that helpful though when the power goes out and you actually need the light.

Which brings me to stage number three - Acceptance. I’ve come to accept the fact that the power is going to go out. Last night it went out at dinner time. Not convenient for the food preparation crew trying to make a meal for 11 people in the dark. Have you ever tried to spoon feed peas to a toddler in the dark while wearing a headlamp? That could get you on America’s Got Talent. But we accept it and deal with it. We can’t really complain too much when we’re living on a beautiful tropical island right beside the ocean. No snow to shovel here lately.

We’ll be able to look back at eating dinner in the Dominican darkness and sweating our faces off in the hot Dominican nights. Memories. It’s all about the memories, right dads? Time flies! Make every moment count! Even if you can’t see what you’re spooning into your kids’ mouth.

Jason Weening gave flashlights to each of his nine kids. If only they could find them. More stories at heydads.ca.



Summer Reading Program
We just won a National Award for our Summer Reading Program so don’t miss out this year! Ages 3+ are you ready for another great summer of programs, reading, points and prizes? Registration is NOW OPEN at: <http://springwaterlibrary.readsquared.com/> You can start reading to earn points towards prizes on Monday July 3. Watch for more details coming soon about our in branch programs coming soon in July and August.

English as a Second Language
Come and join us weekly for a conversation group that will be working on English language basics. All languages are welcome! Meet new people, increase your fluency and vocabulary at Elmvale library Fridays at 1:30pm. Registration required.

Cricut Sand Pail Project
This month our Cricut project is a personalised sand pail. Cost \$3. Book your appointment at Midhurst Branch Tuesdays 10:30am-2pm and Wednesdays

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information, branch updates and our virtual programs. Programs and Videos on Facebook and YouTube (search Springwater Library)

1pm-4pm or at Elmvale Branch Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm-6pm.

Pride Bracelet Craft
In celebration of Pride month in June, join us in the library and make a loom rainbow bracelet on Friday June 9, Midhurst Branch or Monday June 12 at Elmvale Branch.

Hillsdale Vendor Event
At the 2nd annual Vendor Market at Hillsdale Community Park you’ll find over 40 artisans, bakers and small businesses including Kaitlyn and the Springwater Public Library! Drop by and visit with Kaitlyn who will have a free craft available for you! Saturday June 10, 9am-2pm at the Hillsdale Community Park.

Master Gardener Information Session
Linda, a local Simcoe County Master Gardener will be with us to chat about seed collecting, garden diversity, heirloom and native seeds. Discover how to identify, collect and preserve all types of seeds. This is a hands on workshop on sorting techniques. Tuesday June 13, 6pm-7:30pm at Elmvale Branch. Registration required.

Father’s Day Spinner Craft
Join us at the library to make a Father's Day "You’re my Hero" Spinner and a card to go with it!. This program is offered as a FREE drop-in program and available as supplies last. Friday June 16, Elmvale and Midhurst Branches.

Simcoe District Women’s Institute Annual Meeting



Photo above: 2023 Simcoe District W.I. Executive: L-R: Elaine Steele - Public Relations Officer; Mary Stone – Treasurer; Betty Cook – Secretary; Sandy Houston – President; Pat Leonard – Tweedsmuir Co-ordinator

June 3, 2023 - Representatives from 7 active branches of the Simcoe District Women’s Institute gathered at the Wyebridge Hall on Thursday June 1st for their Annual meeting. A great opportunity to get back together in person again – sharing ideas and achievements. The customary morning business session also included a brief memorial – where the ladies reflected on those members who had worked tirelessly for the goals of Women’s Institute and are no longer with us. Everyone enjoyed the pot-luck lunch – I think we could have fed a threshing gang! The meeting closed out on a more light-hearted note. A sincere thank-you to the Centre Flos & Wyebridge branches for hosting the activities.

By Pat Leonard

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Ontario Launches Free Job Training for People with Disabilities

June 5, 2023 - The government of Ontario is investing \$6.5 million to support five innovative projects to help more than 3,7770 people with disabilities find meaningful jobs with businesses in their communities. These projects will connect jobseekers to careers in a variety of sectors, including health care, information technology, retail and hospitality. More than 2.6 million people in Ontario live with a disability, which can significantly increase risk of unemployment.

Giving people with disabilities a fair shot at a life-changing job isn't simply the right thing to do, but it's also good for the economy. There are currently nearly 300,000 unfilled jobs across the province of Ontario. Therefore, the government is proud to invest in training programs that will lift people living with physical and intellectual disabilities up, giving them training and confidence they need to find meaningful work, earn a good paycheque, and lead purpose-driven lives.

The projects being supported through this new funding are as follows:

- Canadian National Institute for the Blind
 - Canadian National Institute for the Blind is receiving \$3,476,885 for a project helping youth who are blind, partially sighted or deafblind find jobs. This includes providing mentorship and coaching programs, goal-setting workshops, accessible technology training and peer support groups.
 - The program will also help Ontario employers better accommodate workers with sight loss.
 - This project will help 1,300 people work in many sectors including health care, digital media, retail and education across Ontario.
- Community Living Toronto
 - Community Living Toronto is receiving

\$1,816,053 to support a project that aims to help more people with intellectual and developmental disabilities find jobs. Through the MyJobMatch (MJM), job seekers are connected with employers who are seeking to fill positions in industries such as hospitality, customer service, retail, IT, manufacturing, janitorial and maintenance.

- This project will help 2,400 people access employment in Toronto and the surrounding area.
- Do Good Donuts
 - Do Good Donuts is receiving \$149,230 for a project that supports youth with intellectual and or developmental disabilities through a work-based training program that includes hands-on training for front and back of house roles, and comprehensive wrap around supports including training for applicable certificates. Participants will also be supported as they transition into employment in the community.
 - This project will help 15 people work in the hospitality industry within the greater Toronto area.
- Geneva Centre for Autism
 - Geneva Centre for Autism is receiving \$848,890 to support a project that aims to better prepare people with autism for good jobs.
 - Participants will receive eight weeks of accessible pre-employment group training followed by an additional four weeks of one-to-one support with an employment facilitator for skill building, career exploration, resource development, certification courses and other opportunities based on individual career goals and skills.
 - This project will train 20 staff, from a network of 25 employers, to hire, accommodate, and retain employees with autism.



- It will also prepare 20 people to work in various sectors in the Toronto area.
- PTP Adult Learning & Employment Programs
 - PTP Adult Learning & Employment Programs is receiving \$256,177 to support a project to help people with intellectual disabilities find meaningful employment.
 - Working with George Brown College's College Vocational (CV) Program, this program will focus on employability skills training, employment counselling, specialized workshops, and assistance in securing work placements.
 - This project will help 35 people in the Toronto area work in their sectors of interest and could include hospitality, childcare, retail, and IT.

These projects are funded through the Skills Development Fund, a \$700 million initiative, which supports ground-breaking programs that connect jobseekers with the skills and training they need to find well-paying careers close to home. The government will be unveiling more programs to help people with disabilities in the coming months.
by Constituency Office of Doug Downey, MPP

Notice: Homer Barrett Park Projects and Construction Notice



HOMER BARRETT PARK

WHAT

The Township of Springwater is undertaking two (2) projects at Homer Barrett Park.

Project 1: Splash Pad Improvements

- Work will include:
- Replacing the splash pad holding tank, removing the old tank and placing new tank in ground.
 - Reconnecting piping.
 - Restoring the turf to disturbed area.
- During construction:
- Park will remain open for playground area and greenspace access on the east side of the park.

- Access to the park will be closed from Centennial Ave.
- Access to the park will be available from Shaw St., Deborah Rd. and Ritchie Cres.

Project 2: Playground Replacement and Play Area Upgrades

- Work will include:
- Constructing the new accessible limestone path from existing Shaw St. walkway around the play area to existing Ritchie Cres. walkway.
 - Removing old play equipment and surfacing.
 - Installing new play equipment and surfacing.
 - Restoring the turf to disturbed area.

During construction:

- Playground area will be closed off and fenced during active construction.
 - Park will remain open for passive recreational use and sport court access.
 - Access to the park will be closed from Shaw St. and Ritchie Cres. walkways while the new path is being constructed.
 - Access to the park will be available from Deborah Rd. and Centennial Ave.
 - Further updates will be provided through the Townships social media channels (Facebook/Twitter) and website leading up to and during the construction.
- The playground layout and designs can be found at: springwater.ca/HomerBarrettParkPlayground

WHERE

The project limits are within Homer Barrett Park, 43 Centennial Ave.
Notice: Homer Barrett Park Projects and Construction Notice

WHEN

- Project 1: Splash Pad Improvements
- Construction Start: May 19
 - Duration: Approximately 3 - 4 days, plus turf reinstatement
- Project 2: Playground Replacement and Play Area Upgrades
- Construction Start: June 12
 - Duration: Approximately 10 – 14 days

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

Please email or call if you would like more information or have any questions on the project.
Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these projects.
by Township of Springwater, Briana Dean
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Tay Township Invests in Local Health Care



Photo above: Angie Saini, VP clinical services and CNE, GBGH; Jesse Dees, senior key relationships officer, GBGH Foundation; Dr. Jeff Golisky, chair, Georgian Bay Physician Recruitment; Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation; Mayor Ted Walker, Tay Township; Councillor Paul Raymond, Tay Township; Brittany Cooke, physician recruitment and credentialing specialist, GBGH.

Midland, ON – On May 19, 2023, Tay Township Mayor Ted Walker and Councillor Paul Raymond visited Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) to present a gift of \$37,500 to representatives from the hospital and the Foundation. The investment includes \$25,000 for the GBGH Foundation’s Impact Fund, and \$12,500 to support physician recruitment efforts for the community. This brings the township’s total support to more than \$456,000.

The support from local communities is vital to a strong hospital, helping to equip the GBGH team with

the technology and equipment used to provide care to thousands of patients every year. In 2023, some of the most urgent priorities include an MRI machine, brand new x-ray rooms, surgical & procedure tables and laboratory equipment.

“Tay Township has been a loyal partner of the GBGH Foundation for many years,” says Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation. “We value our partnerships with our local municipalities, and share their vision of collaboration to ensure a strong vibrant future for our region. This gift is going to help strengthen our hospital to care for the entire community.”

The donation to Georgian Bay Physician Recruitment will fund efforts to ensure everyone in the community has a family doctor, now and in the future. Our community & hospital will require more than 20 new family physicians & specialists over the next five years to fill the gaps of retiring physicians and community expansion, making recruitment and retention a top priority.

“There continue to be significant recruitment challenges for both community and hospital-based physicians,” says Dr. Jeff Golisky, chair, Georgian Bay Physician Recruitment. “We appreciate the generous support from Tay Township to help support community visits, locum accommodations, relocation expenses and marketing efforts to ensure that we are a top choice for physicians looking to establish a practice.”

Anyone interested in learning more about the Foundation’s Impact Fund, and making a difference at GBGH with a gift, can visit <https://gbghf.ca/current-needs/impact-fund/>. For more information about physician recruitment efforts in North Simcoe, visit <https://georgianbayphysicianrecruitment.com/>

Plant Purple to Show Off Your Communities in Bloom Spirit!



(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie is inviting residents to submit photos of their gardens for Communities in Bloom for a chance to be featured on the City’s website and social media channels. Everyone is encouraged to plant purple (the colour of the year) as well as pollinator and native plants to help create a healthier ecosystem.

Participating is easy – plant container projects or

vegetable gardens, create outdoor art projects, tidy up by pulling weeds, sweeping the sidewalk, or clearing litter in your neighbourhood. Share photos of your efforts by June 28, 2023.

National Communities In Bloom judges will be touring Barrie July 26-27, 2023, to evaluate the accomplishments of the entire community (municipal, corporate, organizations, and individuals) on the following criteria: community appearance, environmental action, heritage conservation, tree management, landscape, and plant and floral displays.

In 2022, the City received a 5 Blooms – Gold rating with special mention for the Gypsy Moth Program, an Outstanding Achievement Award and the City of Barrie was chosen as one of six gardens in Canada to be showcased in the Gardens Canada Live the Garden Life coffee table book.

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification through community involvement with a focus on enhancing green spaces.

Visit barrie.ca/CommunitiesInBloom for more information. Submitted by Scott LaMantia



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**Toe-tapping Musical Tribute Kicks Off
2023 Season at the King's Wharf Theatre**



Tuesday, May 30, 2023 - Before The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, a bespectacled kid from Texas changed music forever. Witness the meteoric rise of rock n' roll pioneer Buddy Holly in the toe-tapping, award-winning musical Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story at the King's Wharf Theatre from June 15 to July 1.

The life and career of Charles Hardin Holley (a.k.a. Buddy Holly) are celebrated in this musical biography that chronicles his triumphs and tragedies, from humble beginnings singing country music in small-town Texas to his rise up the popular music charts and into the hearts of music fans around the world.

This thrilling tribute explodes into full-throttled joy through renditions of Buddy Holly's greatest hits – classics like "Peggy Sue", "That'll Be The Day", "Not Fade Away", "Rave On", and many more. The music lives on, as this musical celebration will have you bopping in the aisles and singing your way out of the theatre.

"Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story has become a classic in musical theatre and it is known as one of the most successful rock 'n roll musicals in the world," says Alex Mustakas, Artistic Director & CEO of Drayton Entertainment. "This production is a brilliant tribute to a true artistic pioneer. Entire runs of the show have completely sold out in the past and we're convinced our audiences will be absolutely delighted to experience the magic at the King's Wharf Theatre."

The youth chorus performers include:

- Claire Burke of Elmvale
- Maya Jenkinson, Carina Jones, Luke Jones, Ainsley Morris, Emily Rabey, and Isabelle Rabey of

Midland

- Ava Gravelle, Cooper Reynolds and Olivia Reynolds of Penetanguishene
- Erdman Henderson and Jalise Henderson of Springwater
- Nala Beans of Tay Township
- Sophie Charlebois, Carmele Coward Mavrou, India Faris, Isabella Gendron, Scarlett Gendron, and Peyton Sloan of Tiny
- Callum Goodhue and Jillian Woodman of Victoria Harbour
- Cora-Lynn Harrod of Wasaga Beach
- Maki Duxbury of Waubaushene

Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story has played to more than 25 million people in over 17 countries and has won numerous awards, including a Drama Desk Award, Laurence Olivier Award, a Tony, and several Dora Awards. The show spawned a whole genre of jukebox musicals including Mamma Mia!, Jersey Boys, and We Will Rock You, just to name a few.

The production is proudly sponsored by Brooklea Golf & Country Club. Media Sponsors are The Mirror, Bounce 104.1, and Midland Today. The Design Sponsor is ToDo Ontario. The Season Media Sponsor is CTV.

Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story is on stage at the King's Wharf Theatre from June 15 to July 1.

Regular performance tickets are \$55 for adults, \$34 for youth under 20 years of age. Tickets for select Discount Dates and groups of 20 or more are \$45, and small groups of 10-19 are \$50. HST is applicable to all ticket prices. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 705-549-5555 or toll free at 1-855-drayton (372-9866), or online at www.kingswharftheatre.com.

New Path Partners with Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Simcoe Muskoka to Share Space and Better Support Children and Youth



June 5, 2023, Simcoe County – A new partnership between New Path Youth & Family Services (New Path) and the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Simcoe Muskoka (CYACSM) aims to make the transition to child and youth mental health services easier for children and youth who have experienced physical or sexual abuse. This partnership will see CYACSM staff supporting children and youth at New Path offices across Simcoe County, creating more timely and easier transitions to mental health services at those same locations.

"You can certainly imagine how frightening it can be for a child or youth to have the courage to disclose that they have been physically or sexually abused. Each situation can be extremely frightening and intimidating, and in these circumstances every child deserves a safe, trauma-informed space to tell their story," says Dawn MacDonald, Executive Director, The Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Simcoe Muskoka. "It's through our new partnership with New Path that our team of multi-disciplinary partners can conduct forensic interviews across the broader region of Simcoe Muskoka and bring the supportive care of our Child & Youth Advocates closer to home for many families. We know the mental health effects of abuse on children and youth are significant and require on-going support through prevention education, early interventions, therapy, and timely system navigation; our community partners like New Path make it possible for us to ensure this happens."

New Path is the Lead Agency for child and youth mental health in Simcoe County with the goal of ensuring that all children, youth and families receive timely transitions to mental health services when and where they need them. This partnership helps to ensure access to crucial mental health supports for vulnerable children and youth in our community.

"This is a win-win and a wonderful partnership that has been made possible because of our hybrid working model at New Path, which leaves some of our offices available to be used by our partners, like the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre," says Jim Harris, CEO, New Path Youth and Family Services. "This creative use of space enables us to support the critical work of the Child & Youth Advocacy Centre and enhance those warm hand offs we always strive to make, meaning that children and youth that have experienced abuse will be referred seamlessly and more comfortably to mental health services at New Path. We are committed to working in collaboration with partners that support children and youth and sharing resources, which is simply the right thing to do." Child & Youth Advocates provide individualized coordination of the forensic interview, forensic interview support, and follow up/ongoing support with system navigation, needs assessments, key community & service referrals, education, and connection to cultural resources.

**By Dominika Zapolnik, Communications Manager
New Path Youth and Family Services**

New Owners of Iconic Windermere House in Muskoka Plan

Cambridge, ON, June 01, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The new owners of the famed Windermere House hotel and resort on Muskoka's Lake Rosseau intend to revitalize the building and its amenities while preserving the property's historical integrity.

The property was purchased on April 15, 2023, by a group of investors and will be managed by the B Hospitality group based in Cambridge, Ontario, which also manages two other hotels.

Windermere House will continue to operate as a 58-suite hotel and resort with a wide range of amenities, including an on-site restaurant and pub with live entertainment. Where it previously operated on a seasonal basis, its owners plan for it to be open year-round.

Each member of Windermere House's new ownership group belongs to the senior leadership

team (some are co-founders) at Skyline Group of Companies, an \$8.2 billion firm based in Guelph, Ontario. Skyline Group of Companies purchases, manages, develops, and offers investments in various real estate portfolios (multi-residential, industrial, and retail) and clean energy assets.

As part of that firm, the owners have more than 30 years of experience in property management, redevelopment, and rejuvenation. This includes the restoration of downtown Guelph's historical Gummer Building, circa 1870, after it was destroyed by fire from a neighbouring building, as well as a circa-1910 convent-turned-apartment complex in Haileybury, Ontario. Both properties received awards for their redevelopment.

The public is invited to attend the property's grand opening ceremony on June 21 starting at 3:00 PM in the Islandview Room.

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INVESTMENT IN LOCAL HEALTH CARE



Photo above: At the Town of Penetanguishene Council Meeting on May 10th, Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) received \$15,000 to support physician recruitment efforts for the community. From left – CAO Jeff Lees; Councillor George Vadeboncoeur; Councillor Doug Leroux; Dr. Jeff Golisky, chair, Georgian Bay Physician Recruitment; Brittany Cooke, physician recruitment and credentialing specialist, GBGH; Mayor Doug Rawson.

May 26, 2023, Midland, ON – At the Town of Penetanguishene Council Meeting on May 10th, Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) received \$10,000 to support the GBGH Foundation’s Impact Fund, and \$15,000 to support physician recruitment efforts for the community. These generous gifts brings the Town of Penetanguishene’s lifetime support to more than \$228,000.

Municipal investment in equipment and technology for GBGH is critical to ensuring a strong hospital for our entire North Simcoe community. In 2023, some of the most urgent priorities include an MRI machine, brand new x-ray rooms, surgical & procedure tables and laboratory equipment.

“We value our partnerships with our local municipalities, and share their vision of collaboration to ensure a strong vibrant future for our region,” shares Nicole Kraftscik, CEO, GBGH Foundation. “The Town of Penetanguishene has been a loyal partner of GBGH for many years, and this gift is going to help strengthen our hospital to care for the entire community. We are so grateful for their ongoing support.”

The donation to Georgian Bay Physician

Recruitment will fund efforts to ensure everyone in the community has a family doctor, now and in the future. Our community & hospital will require more than 20 new family physicians & specialists over the next five years to fill the gaps of retiring physicians and community expansion, making recruitment and retention a top priority.

“In the current health human resource environment, we face continued recruitment challenges for both community and hospital-based physicians,” says Dr. Jeff Golisky, chair, Georgian Bay Physician Recruitment. “This gift from the Town of Penetanguishene will help support community visits, locum accommodations, relocation expenses and marketing efforts to ensure that we are a top choice for physicians looking to establish a practice.”

Anyone interested in learning more about the Foundation’s Impact Fund, and making a difference at GBGH with a gift, can visit <https://gbghf.ca/current-needs/impact-fund/>. For more information about physician recruitment efforts in North Simcoe, visit <https://georgianbayphysicianrecruitment.com/> by Jen Russell Sr. Marketing & Community Engagement Officer GBGH Foundation



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Three Very Special People
From The Village

May 23, 2023 - Our community is happy to celebrate three very special people from the village who recently received some important accolades.



Craig Hassberger received an OPP Commissioner's Citation for Life Saving as the result of he and Scott Flynn saving a drowning victim in Georgian Bay. They were able to bring the victim back to shore and began resuscitation prior to medical assistance attending. Their efforts saved the individual. Craig is a former Simcoe County Paramedic who changed careers and became a police officer, following the footsteps of his father. Congratulations Craig and thank you for your dedication to all.



Photo above: Bob and Judy Clarke celebrating 48 years of farming

The Barrie Farmers Market is celebrating their 50th year this year and Bob and Judy Clarke were acknowledged for their 48th year of farming and being part of the farmers market. Bob and Judy operate their farm on Nursery Road and have been supporting our community for years. In the early years they grew strawberries and offered them to the community association when we had Strawberry Suppers. As the years passed, they changed their operations to growing the best Blueberries around. Along with that, they offer seasonal produce and great corn. They have also provided many young people in the area with a summer job. Thank you Bob and Judy for your passion for providing local healthy food for our community and we wish you many more years. If you are interested in their blueberries, drive by their farm on Nursery Road and watch for the signs and vegetable stand. By Dennis Gannon

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Curbside Giveaway Day Happening this Saturday
Residents invited to help keep gently-used items out of the landfill

June 6, 2023 - (Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie’s Curbside Giveaway Day (formerly known as New to Me Day) is taking place this Saturday, June 10. This event is a chance for residents to give gently-used or unwanted items a second life. It’s like a garage sale but without the money exchange.

Apart from finding things for free, you also benefit by cleaning your home of unwanted items, while helping prolong the life of Barrie’s landfill. This helps support a circular economy, which is a movement toward greener, more sustainable options, by considering using items in new ways so they can be reused, and sharing things instead of throwing them out.

Participating in Curbside Giveaway Day is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Gather up items around your home that are no longer used, but that other people might like to have (toys, books, furniture, sporting goods, small appliances, tools, art, etc.)
2. On the morning of Saturday, June 10, put your items at the curb and mark them as “free”
3. Look for free treasures around your neighbourhood!

You can also share the items you have available by posting on the City's Facebook event page for Curbside Giveaway Day, to show others what you're offering.

Curbside Giveaway Day runs from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on June 10. Anything that does not find a new home must be taken back in by 9 p.m. as there will be no special municipal collection. If residents need to get rid of items, they can visit barrie.ca/AlternativeOptions or barrie.ca/landfill for more information on how to properly do so.

Curbside Giveaway Day happens twice per year in Barrie—in the spring and in the fall. The next event takes place on September 23.

For more information, visit barrie.ca/CurbsideGiveawayDay.



Bearbells by Leslie Noonan



June 3, 2023 - The recent run of incredibly hot weather has kept me from heading out on the trails, until today when the humidity broke and a cooling morning breeze worked its way through my open bedroom window and had me itching to be out in the bush. I headed out

Your Own Adventure books. Wetland, old growth forest, deep evergreen forest, a short jaunt or a long and intensive hike; you decide.

There are several parking areas available, either off Ingram Road to the north or Horseshoe Valley to the south. I prefer to park at the small lot off Ingram Road but use with caution. The potholes are massive and may swallow your vehicle or destroy your suspension. Right at the start of the trail is an active



to my favourite hiking area in Simcoe County. The 4,400-acre Copeland Forest offers incredible options for the outdoor lover, from hiking to biking and even horseback riding. A friendly word of warning, this forest is massive, and the number of trails crossing over each other can leave people bewildered. Please use the map if this area is new to you. I have always thought of this area as hiker’s version of Choose

railroad track with trains running every few hours. I love the sound of the train whistle echoing through the forest. From here most people turn left on the well used trail, but of course I prefer to head south



on the smaller track that heads through an old growth forest, with large trunks of trees reaching up to the sky to form a cathedral of green above my head. As the coolness of the forest ends, I step out into the heat of the marsh and swamp. The local beaver has been busy, and the trail is flooded in multiple areas, and several times I had to balance across logs and jump across thick mud. If you are ok with mud on your shoes, then you will have no problem, however if you are afraid of snakes, you might want to take an alternative route. Five snakes, sunning themselves in the warm sun, and one that would be the most massive Gardiner snake I had ever seen that refused to make way for this hiker. Respect, I was happy to move off to the side and give him his space.

I spent three hours hiking through this area, travelling just over twelve km. I moved along trails that climbed to the top of the ski hills, and down into valleys full of ferns and ramps. I loved nibbling on these pungent members of the onion family while I walked among the cool forests. However, I became very concerned with the state of the forest this year. Usually by this time the undergrowth is deep and green, but this year there is less green, and the forest is covered in a thick layer of brittle dry leaves. We tend to think of the forest fires as not an issue here in our part of Ontario, but it is time to reconsider this. One spark from a cigarette, or an ember from a fire pit, would send our forests into an inferno. Please, it is up to all of us to keep both our forests and our neighbours safe.



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ANTEN MILLS by Dennis Gannon

You may recall a TV ad from not that long ago where a female, after realizing some savings while shopping, ran to the car and yelled to the male driver to “Start the Car!, Start the Car!”. Well this Saturday in the village you will likely hear the call, “Stop the Car!, Stop the Car!”. Why you ask, it’s because the Anten Mills community wide Garage Sale is happening. Thanks to the efforts of Karis, a newer community member and new member of the Anten Mills Community Recreation Association, the annual bargain hunt is on this Saturday morning from 8 AM until noon. There will be great values found as there are 30 plus homes participating in the sale. This is a fabulous opportunity to get out and meet the friendly residents of the community and pick up some bargains. On the Anten Mills Community Facebook page you will find an up to date list of the homes joining in the sale as well as a map for reference. It should be a fun day in the village.



While on the topic of Facebook, we are fortunate to have a small group of people who look after the administration of the page. All posts are scrutinized to ensure that they reflect the values and rules as set out approximately 10 years ago. With a small group monitoring, there may be times when posts don’t go out as quickly as their author had hoped and while it is appreciated that this may cause some frustration, we do have a page that isn’t full of spam, unwanted business deals or other unnecessary materials. The administrators do their best and we thank them for their contributions to our community. Since our last publication, there have been more

sightings of Black Bears in and around the community. Ministry of Natural Resources staff have been seen in the Hendrie tract on a number of occasions with their dogs. You are reminded that it likely isn’t too wise to allow dogs to roam free in the forest as they may encounter the bears while not near you. The MNR does not regularly trap bears to move them to other locations so it is important that we are aware that they do live nearby. If you have issues with bears, you can call the Ontario Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 to discuss it with MNR staff. You can also search Bear Wise on the internet and get valuable information as well.

No Mow May is over and we are now seeing more lawns and yards look neat and tidy. If you have been outside for any length of time you may have noticed that the mosquito population seems to have had a huge increase this year. With the dry warm weather of late, they are starting to die down and hopefully we will have an enjoyable season. What has been found interesting is that there has been observed that there are more Bumblebees around. Doing a bit of research, the bumblebee lives in smaller colonies than the honeybee and that a female bumblebee can sting many times although they try to ignore humans. Perhaps our little part in contributing to our planet is working.

This Spring has seen an unprecedented number of wildfires in Canada. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the affected families with hopes that they can weather the devastation and get back onto their feet. It is reported that this may become a new norm for us. We live in an area that has a huge tract of forest surrounding us. Fortunately we have been spared from any large fires in these tracts for a number of years. With the increase in motorcycles and atv’s traveling in the forest as well as other human activity, we are not immune to having a fire occur. Please be careful with fires in our own yards and obtain and follow the burn permit guidelines as established by the fire department. Remember that we are served by a group of dedicated volunteer firefighters who have had training in wildland fires but we don’t need them to drop all they are doing due to our negligence. If you ever spot smoke coming from any of our forests,

call 911 immediately. At all major entrances to the forests, a 911 Property Identification Number is posted along with the road name and tract name. This Saturday the members of the South Springwater Firefighters Association are holding their charity car wash. Our community firefighters generously donate their time and energy supporting some important groups in the area including the Elmvale and District Foodbank, Hospice Simcoe and Gilda’s Club. The car wash is from 9 AM to 1 PM at the radio station on Bayfield St in Midhurst. Your generous cash donation is appreciated. Our Sunday morning youth 9 to 13 years pickup ball has begun at the community ball diamond. Thanks to Roslyn and Shawn, every other week from 11 until 1 the kids can get out and have some fun. The next fun morning will be June 18.



The month of June is known as Pride month. Former US President Barack Obama said “When all are treated as equal, no matter who they are or whom they love, we are all more free.” Our community believes in equality, inclusiveness and caring for all. Happy Pride month. That’s it for this week, THANKS for READING and BE WELL.

“Depression is being colorblind and constantly told how colorful the world is.”
Atticus Poetry”



Often it is hard for one who has never experienced depression to understand it. They may suggest we just “pull up our socks,” or to look at how much good is in our life. These comments often make the depressed person feel even worse. It makes them feel like failures, being told if only they tried hard enough, they could overcome this. When we speak of depression, many picture an individual who is so sad and unmotivated that it is

Understanding Depression

an effort to get out of bed or tend to personal care. Indeed, this does characterize some who are severely depressed and need medical care. However, many in the general population suffer from chronic low-grade depression. They may function well in most aspects of life, and certainly do not look depressed, yet nothing brings them joy or happiness. Some experience irritability or a lack of tolerance for others. Others may constantly complain and criticize those around them. They are depressed but do not know it and blame other people or situations for their unhappiness. Some may have gained weight, and while this causes more distress, they cannot summon the motivation to do anything about it. Increased dependency on substances, or spending more time on addictive behaviors (gambling, pornography, spending) are often indicators of depression. In the absence of a major trigger for depression, such as the death of a loved one, loss of a job or relationship breakup, there is a good chance that there is a biochemical basis within the individual. Often this may be hereditary, but not always. Depression is painful and the depressed person is

suffering. They can feel alienated from life. They are unable to enjoy anything. If all food were tasteless, how much would we look forward to any meal? It is said there is more depression (and anxiety) since Covid. Further, world events can add to a sense of hopelessness, as well as generating fear. The highest rates of depression are in those aged twelve to twenty-five. Our young people had their lives turned upside down with the pandemic. The world is so much different now than when most of us grew up. If depression is suspected, a visit with one’s physician or a psychologist is in order. A professional can objectively assess the individual and make recommendations. If a person is suicidal, it is an emergency. Often people with chronic depression have been that way most of their lives, and do not know what it feels like to experience genuine happiness and positive mood. Consequently, they may resist the notion that they are depressed, because their emotional state seems normal to them. It is normal to feel sadness or stress sometimes, but it is also normal to feel happiness and excitement. If the positive end seems missing from your scale of emotions do talk to someone about it. Otherwise, physical and mental health, along with work and relationships will suffer. Gwen Randall-Young is an author and award-winning psychologist. For permission to reprint this article, or to obtain books, CDs or MP3s, visit www.gwen.ca. Follow Gwen on Facebook for inspiration. Gwen Randall-Young Psychological Services Ltd.



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Summer Gems: Cruising

by Leslie Gowen



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Georgian Spirit Cruises, Midland ON

June 6, 2023 - For many folks, late May and early June is the start of boating season. With so many large bodies of water close at hand, Central Ontario is the perfect place for water crafts of all kinds.

Love being on the water but don’t own a craft? No problem. Barrie, Orillia and the Muskoka area are filled with rental opportunities of canoes, kayaks, sailboats and cruisers. With a little bit of research, the perfect day out awaits you and your family.

Those wanting a more guided communal experience on a larger boat will also not be disappointed. Step back in time aboard the RMS Segwun. Operating out of Gravenhurst, this ship is the oldest continually operating Mail steamship in North America. This craft, built in 1887 was used not only to deliver Mail but also, like many other similar boats, to transport vacationers to lodges and cottages back when roads weren’t so plentiful or reliable. Now, from June til October climb aboard to enjoy short sightseeing excursions or lunch and sunset dinner cruises. To honour the important role the ship played in Ontario’s nautical history a stamp was created in 1987 to commemorate the Segwun.

Also located in Gravenhurst, head over to the Muskoka Steamships and Discovery Centre for a fun filled family experience aboard the Wenonah II. On select dates in July and August Pirate Cruises are offered from 9:30 to 11:30 am. With Captain Corbin

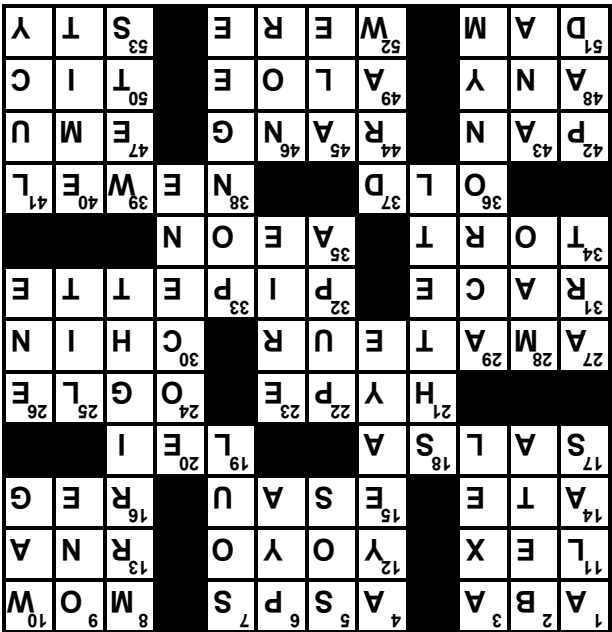
at the helm, your trip is sure to be memorable.

Looking for a lifestyles of the rich and famous experience, the Lady Muskoka is just the ticket. Docked in Bracebridge, this 300 passenger ship provides access to beautiful landscapes, drinks and dining as well as a very popular Millionaire’s Row Muskoka Tour complete with locally sourced meals by an award winning chef. The huge open upper deck is also a popular draw for those wanting some extra fresh air and sunshine.


Head over to Midland to enjoy the best Georgian Bay has to offer via Georgian Spirit Cruises. Beausoleil Island and Honey Harbour are popular spots on this sightseeing tour. Lunch is available during the day and dinner is offered later on and during the sunset cruises.

Formerly known as the Miss Midland, the Tobermory Legacy is another 300 passenger cruise ship that offers 2 1/2 hour lunch and dinner cruises. Highlights of the tour include the Big Tub Lighthouse, Doctor and Russel Islands, Otter Island Channel, Cove Island Lighthouse and the world renowned Flower Pot Islands. Extend the experience by spending a night exploring the area in and around Tobermory.

With Ontario being such a « water rich » province why not celebrate the season by investigating its many beautiful lakes and waterways. All aboard!!



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If you are interested in a copy, please contact Cathy at 705 728-1388 or snow-flake53@mail.com.

Concession 9, E ½ Lot 6, Vespra Township
2500 Highway 26, Springwater Township

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Owners		
1977-2018	Ronald and Audrey (Sandberg) Stillman	Built: prior to 1910
-1977	John and Jessie Bouius	Bents: 5
1910	Irvin (Jimmy) and Eva (Rowat) Johnston	Features: bank barn
1873	Richard and ____ (Wood) Dixon	Water Source: drilled well, cattle originally
1859-1873	John Laird	drank water from a well below the hill

Minesing was called Tomlinson Settlement after the first settlers who bought Concession 8, E ½ Lot 8 in 1847. John Laird, the first postmaster for Minesing from 1864-1867, named it Laird Settlement. The neighbours were not happy with the name . When visiting Indians who lived on the banks of the Nottawasaga River, Colin McDougall was told the area was known as Min-is-sing, meaning island.

Laird’s two daughters, Isabella and Mary, were not trained teachers. They initially taught school in their parent’s home where students paid 2¢ per day. In 1861 a frame building was built and used as a school, church, Sunday school and concert hall. Half the early settlers could not read or write, and now that they were landowners they realized the value of an education. A new brick school was built by the Davenport brothers in 1880. It burned in 1897.

The Atlas of 1881 listed Mrs. R.P. Dixon as coming to Minesing in 1873. In 1887 Richard Dixon was listed as a farmer with the address as Toronto. His brother David and cousin James came from England in 1856. David bought Lot 1, S ½ , Concession 11. James returned from California, worked for Richard and later purchased Lot 1 N ½, Concession 11. Richard had a young cousin working for him. When a storm came up Richard and the boy stepped into the barn. After the rain stopped the boy stepped outside to pull burrs out of the dog. A crack of lightning came and the boy was killed.

Irvin (Jimmy) Johnston owned this farm when he inherited his mother’s farm on Concession 9, W ½ Lot 6, Vespra Township. This farm had 100 workable acres while the other had only 40 workable. Irvin wasn’t sure if he could afford both so he sold off the W ½ of Lot 6 to John Plowright.

Alan G. Johnston, Audrey Stillman, *A History of the Community of Minesing* p. 63 & 85,
1881 *Atlas of Simcoe County*, *A History of Vespra Township* p. 643, 654 & 789.



The barn was originally on mud sills. The single boarded stable was very cold, allowing in wind, rain and snow. Fred Priest helped raise the barn 7-8’ onto a cement foundation using railway ties to jack it up.



This bank barn was built into the side of a hill, with access to the threshing floor at ground level.



The lower level was accessed from the back, with a ladder inside leading to the mow and threshing floor. The farm originally had 100 workable acres. Highway 26 cut the farm in half, with property being sold to a number of people. Larry Camack bought 68 acres of land in 1980 from Irvin’s son Bill Johnston. The barn is now on a 3 acre parcel.

Community Events

Community One Time Events

Bid Euchre
Elmvale Community Hall 1 pm - 4 pm
Every Monday.
Call Anne for details 705-322-1232

Midland Bridge Club 427 William St, Midland
Mon. 12:45pm: Duplicate Bridge, **Tues 6:45pm:** Social Bridge, **Thur. 12:45pm** Duplicate Bridge, **Fri. 12pm:** Bid Euchre. Contact Vern 705-730-9998. Possible lesson if desired. midlandbridge@gmail.com

Good Vibes
Every Thursday night from 7 to 10 p.m.
An open-mic music event Our location is the little white schoolhouse at the corner of Mount St. Louis Road and the 4th Line of Oro Medonte. Admission is a donation of \$5.00.

Let's Do Lunch \$5:
Elmvale Presbyterian Church
2nd Thursday of the month. Eat in: 12-1pm. \$5 For take-out & town delivery \$6 call 322-1411 between 9 & noon on the Monday previous. Pick-up Thursday 11:15 – 11:45 at East side of the church.

BARRIE-KEMPENFELT PROBUS CLUB
Meets at 10:00 am, third Thursday of month
Canadian Legion, 410 St. Vincent Street in Barrie
Main Contact: Chief Information Officer, Robert Newby, barriekempenfelt72@gmail.com (705) 220-3501

Bay Shore Senior's Club
Activities are in full swing - check out website at www.bayshoreseniors.ca for all activities. Call 705 361-1331.

E.D.G.E. Elmvale District Garden Enthusiasts
Meetings held **4th Wed. of each month, 7:00 pm** at Elmvale Library.
Guests always welcome, no charge bring a friend.
Coffee Party
Last Thursday of the month 9:30 - 11a.m.
Elmvale Presbyterian Church
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Low Impact Gentle Fitness Program
Weds. at 10am & Fri.'s at 11am
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Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club
3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Prime Time Club,1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach
1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
(North Simcoe Chapter) Penetanguishene Memorial Arena, Brian Orser Lounge, 2nd floor. 61 Maria St. For more info.: www.geobaycoinstampclub.ca

Elmvale Legion
Tuesdays at 1 pm
Table Shuffleboard, Cost \$1

Palace Tavern Elmvale BINGO
Every Tuesday night
Midland Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Barrie Rotary proceeds 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Wasaga Beach Parkinson's Support Group
1st Thursday of each month, 12:30-2pm
Wasaga Beach Public Library meeting room, 120 Glenwood Dr. All Parkinson's patients & caregivers welcome. For more information contact Phil Bender 905-703-6248 bender.philip@gmail.com

Elmvale Youth Ball Hockey
Monday and Tuesday 5-8 pm in Elmvale
Players ages 4-12 for skill development and game play
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Bay Shore Seniors' Club
Mon: Open
Tues: Billiards, Line Dancing, Crafts, Bid-Euchre
Wed: LifeStyles, Bridge, VON Pole Walking, Access Art, Pickleball
Thurs: Choir, Book Club, Darts
Fri: Gardening, VAN SMART Exercises, Billiards, Wood Carving, Shuffleboard, Pickleball
Sun: Pickleball
LifeStyles – Health & Wellness followed by Exercise. Join us at the Bay Shore Senior's Club Wednesdays at 9:15 for a discussion on Health & Wellness, followed at 10:00 with Exercise (either chair or work out to a video). Staying healthy and informed.
Pickleball – Indoor Court
Available at Bay Shore Senior's Club Sundays (2 – 4); Wednesdays (4:30 – 6:30); and Fridays (4 – 6) every week until the end of June. Pickleball contains elements of tennis, racquetball, badminton and table tennis. To any beginner, the rules can seem a bit overwhelming, but within a couple of sessions most people are comfortable with the basics. The sessions are quite informal, and everyone is very encouraging, so it's a great place to learn the game. Visit **www.bayshoreseniors.ca** for full schedule

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Weekly, **Wed hikes 09:15-09:30am** at various locations., year round. Also a casual hike, same time. Winter can be snowshoes. Weekly, hikes **Sunday 1:30pm** from a park near Foodland, WB.Weekly, Monday morning bike tours from various locations. Seasonal. Please contact Lorraine for info. 416-606-5081. Or lorvanvlymen@gmail.com

Elmvale Senior's Walking Group
Monday's 7:30 am
The Elmvale Community Recreation Association would like to invite all interested seniors to a walking group beginning on Monday, June 5th from 7:30 to 8:30am. The group will walk each weekday morning (not weekends) during that time throughout June, July, August & September. We will meet at the pavilion at Heritage Park and leave on the trail from there. You can walk in groups or by yourself at your own speed. Please come and join us!

Elmvale Legion
Every Saturday at 5 pm
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Elmvale Farmer's Market
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Community One Time Events

Elmvale Seniors Drop in
Monday June 12, 2023 9am to 11 am
The Elmvale Community Recreation Association would like to invite all available seniors to a friendly tea and coffee time in the basement of the Elmvale Library in the McGuire Room on Monday, May 29 from 9 to 11 am. We are looking for feedback regarding possible activities for seniors that are feasible and wanted in our local community. Please drop in for a free cup of coffee or tea and some treats, and share your thoughts. We would love to see you there!

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Annual Memorial Service
Sunday June 25, 2023, 10:00am
Vasey Cemetery, 5096 Vasey Road, Vasey, ON
If it rains, the service will be held at Unity United Church. Lunch to follow at Unity United Church 4967 Vasey Road at the 4th Line North, Vasey, ON
All welcome as we remember those who have gone before us. For more information call 705-835-2903
I am connecting with you to see if you can help us share with our community our upcoming GGG (Georgian Bay Gals Give) Spring Giving Event. We are hosting it at the Penetang Legion on Monday May 29th from 5:30 pm- 7 pm.

One World Music Festival
Fri. Aug. 11 to Sat. Aug. 12, 2023
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Georgian Bay Park Rapid Chess Tournament
Saturday, July 8th, 2023
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Registration website: www.GeorgianBayPark.com.

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July 1st at the baseball diamond at dusk.
These are community fireworks - provided by the community and set off by volunteers.
Entry to the firework show is either providing a firework to be set off or a cash donation in lieu of firework. We ask that we have monetary donations before Wednesday June 28th to allow time to purchase fireworks. E-transfers may be sent to phelpstoncra@yahoo.com Concession stand will be open!

Art in the Heart - Artisan Fair
July 20-23, 27-30, Aug. 3-6, 10-13, 2023
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To: Elmvale District High School Class of 1981/82

You are invited to an informal High School reunion on June 16, 2023 in Elmvale. I hope as many of us as possible are able to attend. It would be great to see everyone. When we graduated, I promised I would organize a reunion in ten years! Oops! Where did that time go? Well, better late than ever...

Many of us have not been to the new High School So the reunion begins on Friday June 16 at the place we all met.

Schedule:

Friday June 16/23

4:00 p.m. Meet at EDHS for a tour

5:00 p.m. Walk to Legion for a drink/visit

6:30 p.m. Walk to dinner at local restaurant

We hope you can attend. A few of us have been working together to spread the word and organize some details of the event. You will be sure to get a visit with myself from Thunder Bay, Paula Bishop (Babinok) from Calgary, Darlene Lamberti (Lalonde), Peggy (Bertram), Ann Millard (Thompson), and Kevin Kerr... To RSVP, please email cwatson@tbaytel.net. You can also text or call me on my cell at 629-6522

I am willing to organize a few events on Saturday such as breakfast and/or a walk in Copeland Forest but I will wait to gauge the interest first. Let me know if any of these ideas appeal to you, or if you have any other suggestions.

- Looking forward to catching up!

Carol Allen
EDHS Reunion Committee



OPP REPORT

Georgian Bay District Secondary School Placed in Lockdown

Police Recover Water Gun and Student Taken into Custody

June 6, 2023 - (MIDLAND, ON) - A Midland high school was placed into lockdown today after a student was observed walking into the building with a firearm. Members of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were called to Georgian Bay District Secondary School around 11:30 a.m.

A student was seen on surveillance video entering the school while holding a pistol shaped object and police were immediately contacted. The school was placed into lockdown while officers responded and entered the school. The student was located in a classroom and was taken into custody. Police located a water gun which resembles a Sig Sauer handgun.

The investigation is on-going and the names of the involved young person will not be released due to provisions contained in the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The lockdown was lifted at approximately 11:45 a.m. All occupants of the school are safe. Police would like to thank staff and students of the school for their cooperation during this stressful incident.

If you have any information regarding a criminal offence please contact the OPP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or you can submit your information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

SEVEN CHARGES AGAINST INDIVIDUAL IN SEX TRAFFICKING CASE

Police Believe There Are More Victims

(BARRIE, ON) - Police have arrested and charged a Barrie resident in a human trafficking investigation.

The Provincial Human Trafficking Intelligence-Led Joint Forces Strategy (IJFS) members began an investigation, named Project CHANCE, in January 2023 when they received information of suspected human trafficking. An international female student was allegedly exploited in the sex trade through an online advertisement by a company called “Scarlet Room Agency,” which claimed to provide security and training for sex workers. An addition victim has also been identified.

As a result of the investigation, on May 25, 2023, IJFS members arrested Casey PERRYMAN, 40 years old of Barrie, and charged him with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Exercise Control, Direction or Influence of a person, as per Section 286.3(1) - two counts;
- Material benefit from sexual services, as per Section 286.2(1);
- Advertising sexual services, as per Section 286.4 - two counts;
- Receiving material benefit from sexual services, as per Section 286.2(1); and,
- Sexual assault, as per Section 271.

The accused remains in custody pending a bail hearing on June 7 at the Bradford Courthouse.

The victims are in a place of safety and being provided support. Police believe there are more victims and asks anyone with information to contact the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) at 1-888-310-1122.

IJFS partner agencies who supported this investigation include the Barrie Police Service, Halton Regional Police Service, Peel Regional Police, Toronto Police Service, York Regional Police, Windsor Police Service, London Police Service, Waterloo Regional Police Service and Six Nations Police Service. The Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Team, Digital Forensic Unit, the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) and members of the Orillia

OPP Detachment also assisted.

If you or someone you know is being trafficked, call your local police. The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking has resources available for victims and survivors of human trafficking on their website at canadiancentretoendhumantrafficking.ca. A national hotline is also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-833-900-1010.

ABOUT THE IJFS

On March 6, 2020, the Government of Ontario announced funding to establish the IJFS, consisting of full-time investigators and analysts who are assigned to participating police agencies across Ontario, including municipal and First Nations, along with additional resources to the OPP. The IJFS has increased the capacity for policing by assisting in identifying, investigating and disrupting multi-jurisdictional human trafficking organizations operating within Ontario.

OPP Search for Missing Midland Resident

(Midland, ON) A 48 year-old male is missing from the Town of Midland and police would like to confirm his well being. On the afternoon of June 5, 2023, members of the Southern Georgian Bay detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were contacted by the man’s friends to report him missing with concerns for his safety.

The individual has the first name Robin and is possibly in the Midland, Wasaga Beach or Niagara Falls area. He was last seen in the Town of Midland, in the area of King St. and Galloway Blvd around 10:30am on June 5, 2023. He is likely operating a silver 2005 Mazda 6 bearing Ontario license plate # CVZF822.

The male is described as being 6’1” tall, 170lbs, brown hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a white T shirt and grey shorts.

Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or if you wish to remain anonymous please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Anonymous tips can also be provided online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca



Highway 93 Remains Closed after Morning Three Vehicle Crash Sends Three to Hospital Charges Issued in Crash Investigation

June 5 , 2023 - A 28 year old Barrie male has been charged with three counts of Careless Driving Cause Bodily Harm contrary to the Highway Traffic Act as a result of the crash that sent the accused and three victims to hospital with serious injuries. The accused will appear before the Provincial Court of Justice on August 21, 2023 to face the charges.

Investigators wish to thank area residents and motorists alike for their patience today as the roadway was closed for almost eight hours for investigation.

OPP Officers from Several Detachments Nab Driver after Numerous Driving Complaints on Highway 400

(MIDLAND, ON)- On the afternoon of June 4, 2023, the OPP Communication Centre was in receipt of numerous 911 calls from motorists reporting the actions of a lone vehicle south bound on Highway 400 in the Parry Sound area. The vehicle was being operated in a very erratic manner along with forcing other vehicles off the roadway as it headed south into Simcoe County.

Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay Huronia West and Orillia OPP Detachments were able to intercept the suspect vehicle in the area of Horseshoe Valley Road at approximately 2:51 p.m. were able to safely stop the suspect vehicle with a resounding sign of approval from passing motorists.

The lone male driver was arrested at the scene and transported to Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment for further investigation.

As a result of this investigation, Simon PURCHAS 25 years of Toronto has been charged with the following offences.

- Dangerous operation
- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Flight from peace officer
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada

And Further

- Fail to stop on right for emergency vehicle contrary to the Highway Traffic Act
- Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available contrary to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor contrary to the Liquor Licence and Control Act

The accused was released from police custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on June 29, 2023. As well, the accused faces a 90 day drivers licence suspensions as per the Ministry of Transportation (ADLS) guidelines and a 14 day vehicle impound.

SERIOUS SINGLE MOTORCYCLE COLLISION IN SPRINGWATER

Age of Rider, Closure Reopening

(SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP, ON) - Members of the Huronia West Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a serious single motorcycle collision in Phelpston, Springwater Township.

On June 5, 2023, shortly after 5:30 a.m., Huronia West OPP and emergency services were called to a single vehicle collision on County Road 27, where a motorcycle left the roadway and struck a sign in the ditch, which is believed to have occurred sometime around 1:00 a.m. The lone rider, a 17-year-old male from Barrie, was taken to local hospital and later transported by Ornge to a Toronto-area hospital with serious injuries.

OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists are on scene assisting with the investigation. County Road 27, which was closed between Flos Road 4 and Flos Road 3 for the investigation, is reopening shortly.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage and has not yet spoken with police is asked to call Huronia West OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Weekend Two Vehicle Crash on Highway 400 Sends One Driver to Trauma Hospital

(GEORGIAN BAY TOWNSHIP, ON)- A two-vehicle crash in the south bound lanes of Highway 400, Georgian Bay Township, just north of the ramp to Crooked Bay Road has sent one of the drivers to a Toronto area trauma hospital. Officers from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment along with District of Muskoka Paramedic Services and Georgian Bay Township Fire Services were dispatched at 9:10 p.m. June 3, 2023 to a scene in which five persons were transported to an area hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash.

One of the vehicle drivers was extricated by fire services prior to transport to an area hospital and was further transported to a Toronto area trauma hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash.

As a result of the crash investigation, a 33-year-old male of North York has been charged with Careless Driving contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.



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City Celebrates Seniors Month



(Barrie, ON) – June is recognized as Seniors Month in Ontario. The month is dedicated to recognizing older adults and the contributions they have made in our community.

“Celebrating Seniors Month is our way of recognizing the tremendous contribution they make to the vibrancy of the city of Barrie,” says Kate Ellis, Acting Manager of Recreation & Culture Programs. “Our many activities this year recognize the significant role that seniors play in the community.”

Some of this year’s Seniors Month activities include:

- Allandale 55+ Centre Open House: free, drop-in Tuesday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Allandale Recreation Centre, 190 Bayview Drive)
- At the Park concert by Don McNair for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: free, drop-in

- Thursday, June 15, 12:30 to 2 p.m. (Nelson Square Park; behind Parkview Centre, 189 Blake Street)
- Seniorlicious “A taste of retirement” sampling event: \$5; register ahead by calling 705-737-0755. Monday, June 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Southshore Community Centre, 205 Lakeshore Drive)
 - Lunch and Learn with Barrie Fire: \$7; register by calling 705-728-6332 Wednesday, June 21, from 12 to 1 p.m. (Allandale Recreation Centre, 190 Bayview Drive)
 - Parkview 55+ Centre Open House: free, drop-in Thursday, June 22, from 12 to 3 p.m. (Parkview Centre, 189 Blake Street)

The City encourages individuals 65 years and older to take advantage of free transit on Thursdays throughout the year. Starting on June 1 (in alignment with Seniors Month), Barrie Transit will also offer Tuesdays as a second free day for seniors throughout the year. Valid photo ID must be presented upon boarding.

Funding for 55+ Centre events, including events as part of Seniors Month, is provided in part by the Province of Ontario.

Learn more about the opportunities offered for Barrie seniors at barrie.ca/SeniorsCentres.

Submitted by Emily O’Brien, Communications Advisor

NEWS FROM THE WYEVALE COMMUNITY

Submitted by Karen Moreau,

News from Wyeval United Church:

Food Bank: The first Sunday of the month @ the Wyeval Church we ask people to bring Food for the Food Bank. If you wish to donate please call the church if interested in donating food. They ask for pop open cans. This makes it easier for people who do not have a place to go to. Thank you.

Book Club: Wednesday, June 21st @ 2:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting until September.

Play Group: Play group at 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. every Thursday morning in the Church basement.

Youth Group: Friday, June 23rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Beef Supper: Saturday, July the 8th. Tickets are \$30.00 and will be available at the Wyeval Jug City.

Sympathy: We extend sympathy to the Hastings Family on the passing of Ross Hastings.

Also we extend sympathy to the Hayes family on the passing of Madeline Hayes.

Wyeval Parks and Recreation Report: Wyeval Recreation will be starting a fund raiser for new baseball lights in the Wyeval Park. Watch for further information on how you as a community can help with this project.

Wyeval Tribe: The Wyeval Tribe are back in action again this year. If you like to watch Men’s Baseball join them this June 12th @ 7:00 p.m. Coldwater Fairgrounds. June 15th @ 7:00 p.m. Waverley.

If you have anything you would like to have announced in the Springwater News from Wyeval please contact me. moreau1949@rogers.com

What’s It Worth?

There’s Money in Your Stuff
Let me teach you the difference between “VALUE” N “STUFF”

This is a column by Mr David Kai for VMLC. David Kai is a published author nationally, a TV and radio commentator on investments, asset classes, collector and investment markets.



What Happened to the Classic Car Market

In a short answer, the players all got old.

I remember attending various shows and events at the CNE over the 90s for cars and hot rods, and I noticed a strange thing. Actually it was my wife who pointed it out to me. Where did all the young guys go? This is a sea of grey.

As the years rolled on, all the people I knew who loved and were involved in classic cars and motorcycles had a few sad things happen to them. Some are comical, some are depressing.

British sports cars with fixed steering wheels, the beer bellies got too big and they could not get in them any more, so they sold them.

To Women who once thought these things were cool, classic cars suddenly became hot, uncomfortable, noisy, smelly, rough to ride in, they were and are.

Hot rods and muscles cars required taking a second

mortgage on your house to buy fuel, before it reached its current levels.

Their backs hurt, they cannot bend down to get in, they cannot manipulate the clutch stick shift. There is no room for the grand kids. They do not have enough seat belts. I don’t want to have to wait for you to explain to everyone who comes up to you getting a coffee, while you give them the life history of the car. This describes users, drivers and ageing consumers. Yet true classics are hitting new highs in values, seldom get driven to buy groceries or get coffees, and often get better treatment than members of the family.

True classic investment grade vehicles, appreciate because of what they are, and they represent, not because you can go fast and be cool.

If anything, I would suggest to you most investment grade vehicles either are permanent or apprenticing members of the garage queen society.

Classic cars and motorcycles need to be sold with a specific understanding of what they are and who is interested in them. Regionalism and country greatly affect the values.

Jaguar is a perfect example. In the 80s and nineties it become a executive high end, bragging rights, consumable car, of which you see very few around today. They were used up, rusted out, consumed.

Yet classic vehicles like the Jaguar E type, produced from 1961 until 1974, which was one of the most beautiful designed vehicle’s ever, have continued to soar in pricing well past \$100,000 for pristine examples .

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Birthdays for the first two weeks of June

Carol Withall, Will Smith, Billy Nahuis, Tone Webb, Brian Campbell, Brenda Walker, Ryder O’Connor, Evan Handy, Doc Moreau, Jim Hall, Bradley Bumstead, Serge Lesparance, Elizabeth Withall, June Blow, Lenore Whiteside,

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90th Birthday Celebration and Food Bank Drive!

Joan Atkinson (Preece) has been a cottager in the Georgian Bay Area since 1942. Joan recently had her 90th birthday and rather than gifts, decided that she would rather give back to her community. Family and friends attended her 90th birthday celebration on May 6th, 2023.



Joan said, “at first I did not want to have a celebration because I did not want the fuss of having people fret over what to purchase as a gift for me. After all, as with many people my age we have everything we need or want. However people feel a strong obligation to bring something when invited somewhere and so it came to pass that in lieu of gifts I asked that people bring non-perishable food items so that it could be donated to the Elmvale Food Bank”. The concept was well received by ALL and for those who did not have time to shop, cheques were written to the food bank!

Joan hopes that others would do likewise and consider the possibility of collecting food for donation or other charitable causes at their respective celebrations. With so many people in need, this is a great way to support others and give back to our wonderful community.

Finally, Joan wanted to thank her family, friends and neighbours for their participation in making her 90th birthday celebration a memorable one and for contributing to such a worthy cause.

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HALLOWEEN KIDS RUN

Save the date - October 22nd. More details to come!

PHELPSTON WINGER DINGER

Save the date - Saturday August 5th. If you're interested in donating a prize - please contact Taylor Kelly @ tkelly@kellyinc.org
Submitted by Taylor Kelly



E.D.G.E.

Hello my fellow gardeners. The month of June is going to be busy for E.D.G.E. First of all the week of June 10th-17th is Garden Ontario Week. And we will be at the Elmvale Farmers Market on Friday June 16th from 9-2, with information and plant's to sell from our members garden's. Come on out and say hello and get some plants for those empty spaces in your garden. You know you have some.

Secondly the June meeting will be held at the Elmvale Community Hall. This is our open meeting with members of other gardening clubs invited to join us. So mark your calendars for Wednesday June 28th, when we will be hearing from Ken Brown. Who will be talking about the Three Tenors + 1. And what are the Three Tenors + 1: Peonies, Irises, Lilies and Daylilies.

There will be a social gathering starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp. So come join fellow gardeners for an evening of garden talk.

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DESROCHES, Elaine Mary-Anne

February 4, 1954 - May 21, 2023

The family of Elaine Desroches sadly announce her passing at her Chatsworth home, on Sunday May 21, 2023, at age 69. Loving partner of Dave Hockley and family; Jim (Jess) of Collingwood and Jennifer (Bob) of Priceville and grandchildren Claire, Chloe and Hunter. Dear sister to Allen (Linda) of Shanty Bay, Tim (Mona) of Tiny, David (Ann) of Victoria Harbour, Theodore "Teddy" (Brenda) of Ravenna, Mary of Midland, Judy (Roger) of Midland, Lucille of Barrie, Peter (Linda) of Perkinsfield, Lisa of Barrie, and sister-in-law Tammy of Wasaga Beach. Fondly remembered by 17 nieces and nephews, and 16 great-nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Venard and Yvette Desroches (nee Robillard) and brother Ivan. Joining Elaine on her journey is her loving fur-baby, Sam, who passed one day after. Cremation has taken place, and arrangements have been entrusted to the Garafraxa Hill Funeral Home, Chatsworth. If desired, donations to the Grey-Bruce Animal Shelter would be appreciated by the family.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.garafraxahillfuneral.com



OVEREND, Valerie (Elko)

With broken hearts, we announce the passing of Valerie Overend (Elko) on Sat, May 27th, surrounded by the love and comfort of her family & friends. She will be forever loved by Dennis (husband), her daughters "the girls", Michelle (Brian),

Denise (Jason), Lisa (Kevin) and Teresa. She was cherished by grandchildren, Ciera, Mya, Easton and Bentley; along with being Nanny Val to the Overend grandchildren.

She will be dearly missed by her brother Jackie (Gene), cousins Wendell & Carolyn and remembered by her many friends & family across Ontario and Nova Scotia for her uniqueness and abundant personality.

A special thank you to all the Doctors, Nurses and volunteers at RVH and Hospice Simcoe for their care and support.

Memorial Service took place Saturday June 3, 2023 at St. Peters Anglican Church in Churchill, ON.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted to St. Peters Anglican Church www1.stpeterschurchill.org/parish-home & The Canadian Cancer Society www.cancer.ca



CAMPBELL, Gladys Minnie Irene

Passed peacefully surrounded by family at Hospice Simcoe in Barrie on Monday June 5, 2023 in her 87th year. Gladys loving mother to Lance (Barb) and Julie (Bob) Garside, will be sadly missed by her grandchildren

Bryan (Emma) Campbell, Anne (Aaron Leonard) Campbell, and Jack and Sophie Garside, and by her great grandchildren Kaitlyn, Lucas, Sooji, and Allison. Gladys is predeceased by her son Anthony Sherman and by her siblings Helen and Hazel. The family has had a private graveside service at St. Andrews St. James Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Hospice Simcoe and will be received by Doolittle Chapel of Carson Funeral Home 54 Coldwater Street E., Orillia, Ontario 705-326-3595

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HASTINGS, Ross Edward

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Villa Care Centre, Midland. Ross Hastings of Wyevalle, dear husband of the late Pat Hastings. Cherished mother of Cindy (Shayne Large) and Kirk (Penny Brake) all of Tiny.

Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Alexis and Jonathan and step grandchildren Kaitlyn and Cole. Predeceased by parents Marjorie and Del Hastings. Ross will be greatly missed by his extended family, many friends and those from the community he loved so much.

Ross was known to many through his construction business, volunteer work and many years on Tiny Council. He served as Councillor, Deputy Reeve, Reeve and had the distinction of being the first Mayor in Tiny. He was also elected by his peers as Warden of Simcoe County.

Ross spent a lot of time with family and friends at the family cottage. The annual snowmobile weekends there were infamous. He and Pat vacationed at their home in Florida and enjoyed many memorable trips over the years. Visits with the grandchildren were always a great source of joy. Ross always found time to attend regular "meetings" at the Wyevalle Jug City (especially during ice cream season).

Cremation has taken place. As per his wishes, there will be a private interment for both Ross and his sweetheart, Pat.

Ross requested that instead of a funeral, we celebrate his life and share memories with family and friends. His family will host an informal Celebration of Life Open House on July 14 between 3 to 6 pm at Shayne and Cindy's home - 1249 Marshall Road in Tiny. As there is no formal service, everyone is welcome to drop in when they can. More details will be available shortly on the memorial website.

The Township of Tiny was very important to Ross. If you would like to make a donation in his honour, consider supporting one of the many organizations that serve our community.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at the Villa Care Centre who have lovingly cared for Ross during the last two years and provided incredible support to both him and the family during end of life.

There are so many wonderful memories of Ross. A memorial website has been created to share all the special moments in his life: www.rosshastings.life.

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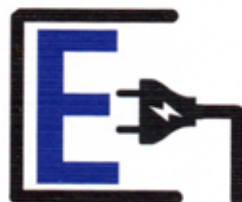
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Record-breaking Smile Cookie Campaign



Tim Hortons® raises a record-breaking \$19.7 million throughout annual Smile Cookie Campaign, \$87,438.10 to be donated to Hospice Huronia!

Restaurant owners from Midland, Penetanguishene and Tay Township are donating 100% of proceeds from sales of Smile Cookies to Hospice Huronia – Tomkins House!

PENETANGUISHENE, June 2, 2023 – Tim Hortons restaurant owners and millions of generous Tim Hortons guests helped to break a new Smile Cookie record by raising \$19.7 million for local charities and community groups across the country.

This year in North Simcoe, local Tim Hortons restaurant owners Brian & Joanne Smith, Janet & Kim Trude and Phil & Catharine Beaupre and guests helped raise \$87,438 to support Hospice Huronia. The initial donation was going to be \$100,000 over 3 years but this community, along with Hospice Volunteers and the Tim Hortons staff, families & guests, blew that goal out of the water by raising a total of \$203,237.61.

“In 2020, when the Tim Hortons families told us that we would be the recipient of Smile Cookie proceeds for 3 years, we were ecstatic. We had just opened Tomkins House when COVID hit and our fundraising opportunities were minimal. This partnership has truly had a significant impact not only financially but with awareness as well. This year so many people told

us how excited they were to support Hospice with a Smile Cookie and we are so grateful,” says Debbie Kesheshian, Executive Director of Hospice Huronia.

"We're so proud and humbled that Tims guests have once again shown incredible support for our Smile Cookie campaign and important charities and community groups where they live, by helping us raise a record-breaking \$19.7 million," says Axel Schwan, President of Tim Hortons.

"To achieve such an amazing result means baking and hand-decorating millions upon millions of Smile Cookies over the course of just a week. My heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who made this happen, including all of our passionate restaurant owners, team members and volunteers who helped us dot eyes and create smiles."

Smile Cookie Campaign Facts

The first-ever Smile Cookie campaign in 1996 raised funds to support Hamilton Children's Hospital. Since then, the annual charitable campaign has raised a total of more than \$111 million for charities and organizations that are selected every year by Tim Hortons restaurant owners.

Nationally, Tim Hortons restaurant owners support over 600 local charities and community groups through the Smile Cookie campaign

Hospice Huronia has been providing community visiting volunteer support in the homes of clients who are reaching end of life. Tomkins House, a 5

bed Hospice was opened in 2020 and has cared for 300 patients and their families. During that time an additional 1200 clients have been served in our community programs and grief & bereavement programs. We receive 50% funding through the Ministry of Health and everything else comes from a compassionate, caring and generous community.

About TIM HORTONS®

In 1964, the first Tim Hortons® restaurant in Hamilton, Ontario opened its doors and Canadians have been ordering Tim Hortons iconic Original Blend coffee, Double-Double™ coffees, Donuts and Timbits® in the years since. Over the last 55 years, Tim Hortons has captured the hearts and taste buds of Canadians and has become synonymous with serving Canada's favourite coffee. Tim Hortons is Canada's largest restaurant chain operating in the quick service industry with nearly 4,000 restaurants across the country. More than a coffee and bake shop, Tim Hortons is part of the Canadian fabric and guests can enjoy hot and cold specialty beverages – including lattes, cappuccinos and espressos, teas and our famous Iced Capps® – alongside delicious breakfast, sandwiches, wraps, soups and more. Tim Hortons has more than 5,400 restaurants in Canada, the United States and around the world. For more information on Tim Hortons visit [TimHortons.ca](https://www.timhortons.ca).

Spring Georgian Bay Gals that Give Giving Event

GBGH was the recipient charity this time around and they received the highest amount our GGG membership has raised thus far! We were at \$44,100 and we think that more money may trickle in! Our GGG membership rocks!

Since we started in 2018 we have now raised \$373,150 for charities in our community!!! This by simply donating \$200 twice a year to a voted upon charity in North Simcoe. The easiest fundraising I have ever done in my life! How such a simple idea has impacted so many in need.

Our sincerest thanks for sharing our story so it will hopefully inspire others to “do what they can because they can” Small acts of kindness are never truly small and I hope you know how much you are appreciated when you take the time to write up an article for us about this amazing group of generous, kind and strong women.

by The GGG Committee, June 5, 2023





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